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With the Canadian economy humming and the Liberals' popularity soaring, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien rolls the election dice. But even for a party riding high in the polls, there may be bumps in the campaign road ahead—and opposition politicians are waiting to pounce.

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Health officials across Canada are targeting high-risk groups to receive free flu shots as danger season approaches. One province—Ontario—offers shots to everyone at no cost.



**ROGERS  
MEDIA**

# From the Editor



## The body language of Jean Chrétien

For any government, the pre-election period is a time for laying the groundwork for the campaign. But nothing in recent memory has matched the brazen machinations of the federal Liberals. There have been goodies galore: cabinet appointments for the untested Brian Tobin, an out for one and all, \$500 million for waterfront development in Toronto (shades of the 1973 Liberal election pledge of a giant waterfront park).

And then there is the Prime Minister. He seemed almost desperate to have an election. On several occasions, he played with the public—falsely but weakly announcing in the Commons that the nation was heading for an election. It was almost as if he believed the more he talked about it, the more Canadians would accept its inevitability.

This is dangerous stuff, this business of going to the polls well before the conventional four-year period is over. Voters can be very fickle, withdrawing their approval with brutal finality. Obviously, the Liberals are poised for a minority-government victory, based largely in Ontario and the Atlantic

provinces. That's what the statistics portend by the latest polls shows. And why are the treasury officials, the economy is robust, times are good.

But last week, there were telltale signs of possible trouble. The reason is Jean Chrétien's body language was palpable. His syntax was more awkward than ever and, studies of him, he got physical with a reporter who was questioning him aggressively as he walked down the stairs in the Parliament Buildings. He did not have the look of a candidate who was comfortable in his own skin.

One reason may be that two events beyond his control forced his hand. One was the rebellion last March when supporters of Finance Minister Paul Martin tried to topple him at a party convention. The best way to silence critics is to get them working against a common enemy. The other factor may well have been concerns of a downturn in the robust economy. Last week, in financial circles, there were whispers about recession as more companies dropped disappointing profit reports and oil prices rose.

As well as anyone, the veteran Chrétien knows that much can change, even in a short campaign (36 days in the case to come). In the past 18 months alone, governing parties in New Brunswick and Manitoba have been defeated and, in Saskatchewan, reduced to minority status.

The Liberals clearly are courting the pickup-up votes from people who are scared off by Scott Brison's Day's Canadian Alliance. They are saying that, with the Tories and New Democrats in decline, their soft supporters will switch to the Liberal camp.

As for Day, his challenge is to hold his western power base, while making inroads in Ontario. If he does that and the Liberals' Atlantic strategy fails, Chrétien will have simple reason to regret his haste in going back to the people so soon. Campaign 2000 is his to lose.

Robert Lewis

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## Newsroom Notes

### Final farewell

**Tradeau: His Life and Legacy**, a special edition from Maclean's, is now on sale. The 160 pages explore the life and times of Pierre Elliott Trudeau, a man who defined his era like no other Canadian power leader. The articles and photographs provide a complex portrait, from his earliest days as a student to his 15 years in office and his final years in retirement. From the archives, there is Peter Gzowski's profile of the university intellectual, and from contemporaries,



including former finance minister John Turner and longtime chief of staff Joan Newberry, there are scathing and intimate portraits of Tradeau on the job. His friend Joe MacInnes uses a dive they took together as a metaphor for exploring the Trudeau style. **Maclean's Photo Editor Peter Bragg**, turned up previously unpublished photos. More startling produced the Peter Ceylan portrait on the cover. Editorial Director of New Ventures Michael Benedick, who oversaw the publication, notes: "Trying to capture Tradeau the man, his politics and his legacy has to be the most daunting challenge for any journalist."



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# The Mail

## Trudeau's politics

**The cover** showing Justin Trudeau, head bowed, holding a handkerchief and a red rose, was very moving ("After the rain," Cover, Oct. 16). The young Trudeau did grip us, but it hardly seems likely in such a soulful, tender man, Justin, in his eloquence, is his father's son, but in many ways is his mother's son, too.

Aaron Zarembo, Ottawa, Ont.

**Where else** but in Canada could we have had in the funeral service of a for-



mer prime minister his ex-wife and sons, his former mistress and daughter, recognition of all the children by the priest and a eulogist. Cuban dictator Fidel Castro beside former U.S. president Jimmy Carter, the Aga Khan, poet Leonard Cohen and some previous girlfriends among many other friends, family and dignitaries. I was so impressed by the tenderness and dignity of the Canadian press coverage *fun-forward* to late that night and the U.S. presidential debate where we were mired yet again in oblique references to sexual exploits in the Oval

Office. Canada just the 51st state? I shudder. The differences are simply too fundamental and they begin with class.

Kathleen Glynis Morris, West Vancouver

**Hits off** to Marie Jackson for drawing attention to the enormous increase in Canada's cultural capital (so we trust) vocabulary, without which nothing is comprehensible these days) that came as a result of Pierre Trudeau's cultural politics ("Trudeau's cultural legacy," Cover, Oct. 16). In 1971, a group of us in Toronto were crazy enough to think we could start a professional French-language theatre, and in 1972-1973, a local initiative project (LIP) grew, allowed us to start operating. The *Théâtre français de Toronto* is still thriving.

viewed sagaciously by a great mix of francophones and anglophones. French schools, many of which would have been quietly encouraged to drop dead had it not been for the sea change in language politics, and by immersion schools, another cultural invention of the time. Looking back,

I distrust the cultural movement stimulated by Trudeau has paid off far better than many other common-sense, money-making schemes that would have left us comfortably lifeless and optimally broke.

Julie Van Buren, Toronto

**Pierre Trudeau** was a great man with many flaws, but perhaps his contradictions mirrored our own. We are a country obsessed with national identity and struggling with the direction of our economic policy. Those themes have really not changed much. I am 36, old enough to remember the debate he sparked. Yes, he alienated the West and floundered with risky economic ideas,

## Three faces of Jean

**I commiserate** Anthony Wilson-Smith for his portrayal of Jean Chretien's evil twin, but unfortunately he missed the fact that there are really triple Chretiens ("Meet Chretien's evil twin," Oct. 16). Wilson-Smith correctly identified the Chretien we all once liked and admired, and his arrogant, disastrous brother, but he somehow overlooked the brilliant tripler. It is that thoughtless doofus who makes the PM's foreign pundits who commiserate with phantoms street people, who punches out critics, who re-creates museums for his friends.

To avoid further extending the humiliation and embarrassment felt by all Canadians at these silly antics, Chretien's colleagues and friends should persuade him to consent thus brother to an asylum.

Jan McWilliams, Surrey, B.C.

but he tried new things and even fitted with style. I am now living in the United States and I was surprised to see my local Memphis paper carry a brief editorial on his passing, and a friend at work kindly offered condolences on his death. When Trudeau was our PM, far better or worse, other countries noticed and acknowledged us. Can any foreigner name our current PM or any other?

Paula Langley, Memphis, Tenn.

**I admired** and supported Pierre Trudeau and was confident of his ability to joust with any world leader. But I have never quite forgiven him for not vetoing Canada's sovereignty in the Canadian people at the time that he brought the smothering power of the British North America Act home. Do I have any hope that Trudeau's pseudo-disciple, Jean Chretien, will empower the citizens of Canada with the sovereignty of Canada? Never.

Sean O'Sullivan, Vancouver

**The press**, for some reason, is trying to make Pierre Trudeau turn out to be something that he wasn't. A unicorn? A unicorn? I don't think so. He was an arrogant, egomaniacal man and a lousy



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## Over and Under Achievers

### Ready, set, noooo!

*Live with Libs, don't have a one!*  
*John, doesn't look so good now!*  
*Auditor general, he causes a mess!*  
*Paul, it's time for a loan!*

◆ **Elie Wazarg:** Did the Tories' more lively MP upon Lib's offer of a passport appointment, or was she spared, finally? Either way, New Brunswick can wait out for re-election. You go, girl!

◆ **Brian Tobin:** Yesterday's theory: he's PKB-in-wearing. Today: isn't he the guy who promised to say full name as Newfoundland premier—but didn't? His return ruffles feathers in caucus. If he can't deliver Atlantic Canada in election, it's too late, Tobin-ster!

◆ **Dennis Desautels:** Federal auditor general chews Libs for waste and



*Wazarg: that's enough, you Liberals!*

mismanagement in his annual catalogue of spending horrors. But the only budget they're likely to cut now will be his.

◆ **Paul Martin:** His budget wins votes—even on Bay Street. Say, maybe this guy should be prime minister some day!

◆ **U.S. TV viewers:** The presidential debate are over! Who-ho!

◆ **Canadian viewers:** Election debates are about to begin! Who-ho!



Brian Tobin leaving Newfoundland gets mixed reviews

## Overheard

### Grandpa Stock: who loves ya?

By now, most TV viewers have surely seen the ubiquitous ad showing Stockwell Day holding up his three-year-old granddaughter while bemoaning Canada's debt. The ad aims to portray Day as just plain folks, while hammering home the point that the Liberals—and Tories before them—have left future generations with a mountain of debt.

How well does it work? Canadian Alliance and Liberal officials offer sharply different views. Alliance strategists say the ad scores extremely well with women—who, according to polls, have been slow to succumb to Day's charms. "Men blend the ad, women loved it," says Paul von Finckenhagen, Day's spokesman. Day has taken to mentioning the ad in speeches. He jokes that his granddaughter, Jessica, was bored with the show until he noted she owed \$20,000, then, she "tuned right around and looked at me."

But senior Liberals suggest the Alliance didn't ask focus groups the right question when they tested reaction. When the Liberals tested the ad, said one, some women said it made them feel "icky" because they thought Day was exploiting his granddaughter for political gain.

Who's telling the truth? Both sides, quite possibly. Focus groups can deliver sharply different readings, based on the questions asked. Consider the 1993 Tory ad that mocked Jean Chretien's assumed facial expressions. In Liberal focus groups, participants indicated it could damage Chretien. Then, the group was asked their reaction if told that Chretien is this way because of childhood illness. The group was appalled. The Tories would stoop so low. The moral for ad writers: *audience matters as much as sex.*

Julia Behrman

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# Automotive Marketplace ONTARIO

## Fuel Cell Technology



Dennis Desautels

One of the most enjoyable aspects of writing this column for Maclean's is the feedback I get from readers. I am frequently asked questions about new technological developments, so for this issue, I would like to talk about an emerging high-profile technology — fuel cells.

Every so often a new technology appears which seems to have the potential of revolutionizing the automotive industry. However, I must admit to being somewhat of a skeptic when it comes to the adoption of advanced technologies with vehicles. Frequently the actual introduction of a new technology lags considerably behind its availability. There are a number of reasons for this. The auto sector by its nature and structure isaverse to risk and is therefore very cautious when it comes to introducing new technology in

their vehicles. This caution is often justified. Can you imagine the consequences of introducing a new technology that fails on a popular vehicle?

Moreover, it's not just market issues involved, safety and legal factors also force the vehicle companies to proceed slowly. They also tend to be bottom line-oriented — manufacturing and control of warranty costs follow sales as their prime motivator. Unless the manufacturers are forced by legislation or strong consumer demand, they will need clear proof that an innovation meets all their corporate criteria before they will move away from traditional technologies.

This is not to say that the vehicle companies do not embrace high-tech solutions or innovative products to improve their vehicles. In fact, over the past 20 years in which I have analyzed the industry, there have been radical changes in almost every area of vehicle design and engi-

nessing. It just takes a lot longer than most executives anticipate. I suspect this may be the case with fuel cells.

Fuel cells are making headlines across the globe in almost all aspects of power production. Although the basic technological principles for these electrochemical power generators have existed for nearly 150 years, it is only recently that fuel cells have gained popular recognition and come under serious consideration as an alternative power source. Fuel cells are considered a prime candidate for "green" energy production: they are clean, quiet, and efficient. Despite their relatively new arrival on the popular scene, fuel cells have already found their way into pre-commercial testing in domestic, commercial, industrial, and motor vehicle applications.

Fuel cells forego the traditional fuel-to-electricity production route common in modern power produc-

tion, which consists of heat extraction from fuel, conversion of that heat to mechanical energy and, finally, transformation of mechanical energy into electrical energy. In a sense, our bodies operate like fuel cells because we oxidize compounds in our food and release chemical energy without combustion.

Fuel cells are electrochemical devices that efficiently convert a fuel's chemical energy directly to electrical energy. With no internal moving parts, the cells operate similar to dry cell batteries. The difference is that they provide a continuous production of electricity as long as fresh fuel, normally hydrogen, is supplied. Fuel cells chemically combine a fuel and oxidant without burning, thereby dispensing with the inefficiencies and pollution of traditional combustion systems. This makes them very attractive to the automotive sector, which is under tremendous pressure by governments to address the social policy

## S60 completes Volvo's transformation

The introduction of the new 2001 Volvo S60 is a milestone in the company's history. Why the S60—an elegant sedan featuring a coupe profile and a sporting soul—Volvo completes a transformation in style and attitude that might have been difficult to imagine just a few years ago.

After all, it has only been about three years since Volvo C70 coupes and convertibles took their place alongside the boxier shapes of the more familiar Volvo fare in retailers' showrooms. Since then, Volvo has replaced its entire line with sleeker, more advanced designs while introducing brand new models that entice buyers not traditionally considered Volvo drivers.

In all, the 2001 model year brings with it a total of seven Volvo models. Each reflects the company's commitment to a new design philosophy. Body shapes are now smooth and flowing. The new shapes reveal an emotional content not present in yesterday's more conservatively styled Volvo cars. Today's Volvos radiate exhilaration and driving enjoyment.

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issues of fuel efficiency and the environment.

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Given that fuel cell systems now cost upward of 10 times more than traditional engines, that no fuel-supply infrastructure exists for hydrogen or methanol (the fuels required to run them) and that the current fuel cell systems are still too big and heavy, they are by no

means assured of public acceptance. Still, rapid development of fuel cell technology is remarkable and the vehicle companies have committed hundreds of millions to advance the technology further.

The environmental benefits of fuel cells are among the main motivating forces in their development. These benefits include zero or near-zero emission of pollutants such as NOx, SOx, carbon monoxide, and hydrocarbons. An added plus is very low noise emission. They are quiet.

The principal barrier to commercializing fuel cell products is their manufacturing cost. Today, every fuel cell system costs more to manufacture than other propulsion products. This is due to several factors. Currently, no large economies of scale exist for fuel cells. Fewer units produced means a higher cost per unit. There are also a number of important technical issues that need to be resolved before the development

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of fuel cell products can proceed at the commercial level. The market tends to be wary of embracing new technologies without proof of their viability in practice.

For automotive applications of fuel cells, the most important developments involve fuel handling and fuel processing. The favored fuel cell technology for vehicles requires pure, clean hydrogen. Therefore, stringent requirements must be placed on the processing of hydrogen source fuels such as natural gas and methanol to eliminate compounds that could poison the cells. The development of compact, efficient, cost-effective, high-purity, hydrogen-producing technology is therefore a key requirement.

Another strategy, which would eliminate the need for on-board manufacturing of hydrogen, is the storage and direct use of hydrogen. However, this approach would require significant advances in storage technology. A dramatic development of the hydrogen supply infrastructure would also be needed. All of these issues will require a considerable amount of time and money to solve. But all these barriers appear solvable.

Other issues affecting fuel cell commercialization include yet-to-be-determined governmental rules and regulations regarding fuel cell storage sites as well as insuring and certifying fuel cell products. Also, business factors such as the depreciation rate allowed for fuel cell vehicles and the financial procedures by which barriers would lend money for purchasing fuel

cells will affect the introduction of products.

In addition, regulatory issues concerning pollutants could become more restrictive in the future, thereby facilitating the compulsory installation and use of fuel cells. This is the road California appears to be taking with its requirement that 10 per cent of vehicles sold in 2004 have zero emissions. Another significant boost for fuel cells' entry into the marketplace could be government-subsidized credits and financial incentives for the reduction of gases that contribute to global climate change, such as carbon dioxide.

Despite the unknowns, fuel cell technology is on the verge of a revolution. With research laboratories, government agencies and corporations scratching away at the hurdles associated with this technology, wide commercial use of fuel cell power may be just around the corner. Fuel cell power plants should break into the mainstream first in the stationary power market, where their cost competitiveness is currently near to what the market demands.

Indeed, within a few years, several companies will be poised to push their demonstration units to full commercial viability by cutting manufacturing costs and making the technology both available and affordable for general use. Automobile applications of fuel cells will likely follow the establishment of a commercial stationary power market. Fueled by high efficiency, ever-dropping installation costs, and increasing public recognition, fuel cells could supersede the internal combustion engine as the power train in cars around the world. But the skeptic in me says it will take a lot longer than what most industry executives anticipate.

## Overture

### Over There

## 'I might not be here next week'

*Kate Carmichael, 58, executive director of the Downtown Halifax Business Association, was diagnosed with leukemia in late 1999. In August, she was told she was no longer making healthy blood cells. A bone marrow transplant was not an option for Carmichael, a married mother of five. Her poor quality of life that would result was not worth it. With death looms, she decided to live. She fought to improve her quality of life and became an outpatient advocate of donating blood. She goes to Halifax House, Chief John DeLima.*

"I made a decision that the three months given me were three months that I would live to the fullest, then I would quietly disappear into the ether."



*Kate Carmichael is a woman of urgency as time becomes a major issue.*

It means being normal. It means getting up in the morning, going to the job that is absolutely the most perfect job in the world for me, coming home and making supper, spending time with my husband, my kids, my friends.

"At one time, that sense of urgency I've had about downtown is accompanied by my own sense of urgency. I might not be here next week. My son has gotten a little bit bigger and older and I feel a little bit heavier with a comfort zone that when you are in my particular situation there are no con-

quences anymore. I've had over 100 transfusions. That means 100 people have come in here to a blood donor clinic and given blood and I've grabbed it up. I wanted to say thank you and remind everyone else that I'm only one face and there are lots of us in the same situation. This clinic said they were going to have a memorial clinic for me. And I said, 'Yes, a memorial. Why save until I'm dead? Please have it while I can be there.'"

"I wonder what it's going to look like when I die. I think about how my kids will survive it and how my husband will be like. I don't feel sorry for myself. But I think you're just about to really have fun, and that has happened. So maybe I'm fine enough, happy for enough time that I'll be in a coming along ahead or, maybe I'll survive a lot longer than they think. I'm at the end of the three months they gave me. I don't look like I'm going to die next week, do I?"

### How to Write Horribly

For two years running, the aptly named Canadian horror writer **Edo van Belton** has gone up against the genre's mean man **Stephen King** in voting for a Bram Stoker Award, horror writing's top prize. (Whether you call it that time.) This year both writers have how-to books out, and both seem likely winners against King's *On Writing* begins with a typically creepy description of his early life, then applies to a passionate defense of fine writing applicable to any type of story. Van Belton's *Writing Horror* gives personal details and adds genre-specific advice.



*There's no mystery to doing it.*

- Aspiring writers should make a list of their 10 greatest fears and come up with a story idea for each.
- Collect intriguing headlines—van Belton's clips include "Homeless lot killed by pet rat" and "Boy kills cat for alien's bark."
- Always remember that horror is the genre of the senses. The good stuff makes readers' skin crawl and even when it's gross out bad there is a response—it tarts stomachs.

### Overbites

"I got off the bed and went up to him. I pressed against him. 'You haven't kissed me,' Ron Angell. I took his head in my hands and I kissed him on the lips. I hung from his neck, he held me right, the door and opened behind him. Then he pulled apart my arms. He fled in his room... I knew that I'd won. That fight was an admission of it...."

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**Retiring:** House of Commons Speaker Gilbert (Gib) Poirier, 65, is leaving federal politics after a total of 22 years as Liberal MP, including the past seven as Speaker. The bilingual Poirier, MP for the Ontario riding of Niagara Centre, was first elected in 1974. Although his outgoing personality was his friends on all sides, he has aroused controversy in 1998, he moved to block the voting of a National Film Board documentary called *The Canadian of the Hill* that had been made about him. In the documentary, filmmaker Claudette Jaskin complained he did not give much access, it also included scenes with his wife of 40 years, Sarah, from whom he was by then estranged. Last week, all five party leaders praised Poirier, who called his tenure as Speaker "one of the greatest honours that any member of Parliament could receive."



**Recorded:** Quebec native and Colorado Avalanche goaltender Patrick Roy, 35, surpassed the late Terry Sawchuk in winning his 498th game to become the winningest goalie in NHL history. Roy, who began with the Montreal Canadiens, has beaten 122 different goalies and won games in 40 different NHL arenas.

**Signed:** Toronto Blue Jays slugger first baseman Carlos Delgado, 28, agreed to a four-year deal with the team worth \$182 million. Delgado is coming off a season that saw him post career highs in hits (196), walks (123), batting average (.344) and runs batted in (137).

**Died:** Sam Maccabee, 61, was known as a talented carver and lexicographer who helped compile an Inuktitut-English dictionary. Born in the Inuit community of Hebron, Labrador, he and other residents were moved by the federal government while he was in his teens to the southern area of Nun. He researched

linguistics at Memorial University in St. John's, Nfld., while there, he was invited to a luncheon with Queen Elizabeth II and gave her one of his wood carvings. In 1997, he was the only aboriginal on a five-member panel studying environmental effects of the proposed Milne Bay mining development in Labrador. He died of stomach cancer at home in Corner Brook, N.S.

**Died:** Retired brigadier-general George Bell, 80, was a vice-president of York University in Toronto, and founder and first president of the widely respected Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies. Born in Toronto, he graduated from Royal Military College in Kingston, Ont., and served in the Netherlands and Germany after D-Day during the Second World War. After serving from the army in 1973, he became a civil servant with the Ontario government, and in 1976, vice-president and professor of strategic studies at York. That led to his work in helping found the institute. In 1989, Bell was invested as an officer of the Order of Canada. He died in hospital of cancer of the esophagus.

**Died:** Vincent Canby, 75, reviewed theatre and film for *The New York Times* for 35 years, and also wrote plays and novels. He joined the *Times* in 1965, and despite writing as senior film critic in 1993, contributed articles to the newspaper's arts and leisure section until this year. He died of cancer in a Manhattan hospital.

**Died:** Gwen Verdon, 75, was regarded by many as the best dancer to perform on a Broadway stage—even though she spent early childhood in orthopedic boots because her legs had been weakened by illness. Born in Culbert City, Calif., she began dance training only despite those problems. She is best remembered for playing Lela in more than 1,000 performances of *Dance Lessons*, starting in 1955. She married choreographer Bob Fosse in 1960, although they separated in 1971; they worked together occasionally until his death in 1987. She died in her sleep at the home of her daughter, Nicole Fosse, in Woodstock, Vt.



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## Life in the PM's bunker

For the first five years of his tenure as prime minister, Jean Chrétien was terrifically well served by Peter Donolo, the chipmunk, pun-loving and thoroughly decent guy who was, by almost everyone's reckoning, the most effective communications adviser to any PM in decades. The boyish-looking Donolo more often than not managed to appease both the PM and the press gallery, anyone who has ever held that job will say that you can usually manage one or the other, but seldom both. Donolo knew how to keep the PM loose—and he also had enough influence to speak frankly to Chrétien, and have his advice heeded. Perhaps the most important counsel Donolo gave to the PM in the early days of government was to lay low and let his mission do the talking. People, Donolo said, think what their prime minister is to be in their faces—or they're likely to opt for a change of view.

Donolo has been gone for two years—so a deserved reward in Canada's coastal general in Milan—and you wonder how much Chrétien thinks about him. Not enough, apparently, to heed his advice: these days, there's no Canadian leader who's more front and center with voters. Ask the average Canadian to name at least one cabinet minister and they can, and chances are that most would know Paul Martin, rising would know Sheila Copps, and perhaps Hesh Gira, Allan Rock and Brian Tobin, and they'd shake their heads after that. In Quebec, subtract Tobin and Rock and add Stéphane Dion—the babe face of nationalities—and maybe Pierre Poitras.

The PM's supporters argue that his high visibility is unavoidable after so many years, and that it's also the result of his determination to personally back beleaguered ministers. He put his credibility on the line for Jack Sweeney during the controversy this year over mismanagement and politically motivated spending by her human resources department. He helped shield Dion in taking charge of the so-called clarity bill—which set ground rules for recession—when it was vigorously denounced in Quebec. And there he was last week, waving off a devastating report by Auditor General Denis Desautels documenting waste in a variety of departments.

That willingness to get his hands dirty can seem commendable: the PM is there for his people, through thick and thin. But that notion is problematic in the way it's applied. Chrétien's increased time in the public eye is largely because of the general weakness of his cabinet—he can't trust many of them to manage or defend themselves effectively. From the class of '93, people like André Ouellet, Roy MacLaren, Marcel Masse and now Lloyd Axworthy have moved on, while the Libs have done little to refresh their talent pool. (One exception is the highly respected economist and new candidate Justin McCullum.) If the measure of a good leader is the ability

to attract and keep competent people, the PM barely got a passing grade compared with other previous leaders. From Trudeau had heavyweight like Marc Lalonde, Donald MacDonald and Chrétien, while Brian Mulroney could count on the likes of Don Mazowiecki, Mike Wilson and Joe Clark. It's normal to have some turnover after seven years in office—especially with another election in the offing. Even in the innermost circle, loyalists like Donolo and Penny Callenham, the PM's former appointments secretary, moved on to other things. Over time, the circle of trusted advisers became even smaller—and more annoyed with all the focus on the outside, pressing up against them. When bipolar mania sets in, every issue becomes Them versus Us. And there are so many enemies: the opposition parties, nefarious reporters, Quebec separatists, disgruntled waitresses and Canadians who simply want to hear that the government will manage their money responsibly. Not to mention those malicious Libs who wish the PM would go away, and let Paul Martin have his shot.

In such a world, protecting loyalists makes more sense than discerning between right and wrong—so when there's a problem, the leader defends, delays, denies and disavows. That behavior disempowers proxy punch-pump politicians from real assistance, who acknowledge problems, try to fix them and then drive on. From the outside, you'd think it would be appropriate for the PM to position, after the Desautels report, that the government will do better in managing money. Instead, an edgy PM played block-and-tackle with a *Times* Star reporter who dared question him, while his MPs caused a hearing on the report to be cancelled because, they said, they couldn't find the room where it was to be held. So are they unrepentantly arrogant, or just hopelessly inept?

But in some ways with the Libs, the more times change, the more their mind-set remains the same. On Nov. 4, it will be seven years since the first Chrétien cabinet was sworn in. One highlight that day took place after the ceremony at Rideau Hall. The ministers trooped out, and climbed into minibuses. The symbolism of such transport after the leaner times of the Mulroney era was obvious. Because most reporters attended the swearing-in, few were at the buses' destination point behind the Centre Block on Parliament Hill. There, they were met by a fleet of government limousines—one for each minister. The minibuses vanished, never to be seen again. It still stands as a classic example of one of the Libs' unwritten rules of governance: if you pretend often enough that you stand for one thing, that notion more than what you actually do. You learn to do much less than that after a while, instead, instead and out of touch, inside a gilded brazier.



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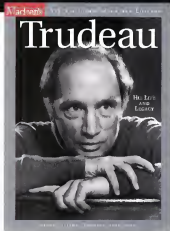
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Barbara Amiel

## Peace never had a chance

**There is no chance** whatsoever of "peace" in the Middle East. I've been writing this for more than 20 years and nothing has changed. The Jews have given up land for peace, destroyed their settlements in the Sinai for it and dragged protesting Jews out of their homes for peace. Prime Minister Ehud Barak has yielded almost everything for peace, but as yet the Arab world cannot accept a Jewish state in the region. The best one can hope for is some sort of cold war "agreement" to span a few generations, during which time circumstances might change. Meanwhile, talk of peace only raised the expectations of ordinary people on both sides and bitterly disappointed them.

Our Western view of life involves making the best decisions to assure people have and now Arab culture, on the other hand, appears to put the glory of the tribe and Allah before the individual's happiness or suffering. The decision of the Arab world after the creation of the State of Israel in 1948 to refuse to recognize and absorb Palestinians who fled Israel was, in retrospect, a monumental. By sentencing refugees to generations of life in appalling conditions in camps, it left a permanent stain in the Middle East body politic. Western culture would not permit such suffering: the Germans, for example, took in the three million Sudeten German expelled from Czechoslovakia after the Second World War. Israel would never have left Jews in refugee camps to show the world how, even after, Iraq, the Soviet Union or Vietnam mistreated them. The Arab world could easily have absorbed the around 500,000 Palestinians who were either driven out of Israel or left of their own accord, but they preferred to keep them in a hopeless situation, their numbers swelling and their misery a potent source of hatred.

Today's Arab world considers itself both wronged and stronger. They may not be stronger militarily, but they are stronger in numbers by a factor so large that it is not just a quantitative change but a qualitative one. They are stronger by being not just Arabs, but part of a newly vigorous Muslim world that includes large tracts of non-Arabs from Iran to Pakistan. They are stronger because with the end of the Soviet Union, Israel is of less strategic interest to the West.

The Western media echo the PLO's claim that the current outbreak was caused by Israeli opposition leader Ariel Sharon Sept. 28 visit to the Temple Mount. Not true. The night before Sharon's visit, trouble began with the armbaiting murder of a 19-year-old Israeli near the border. Sharon's visit consisted of a morning walk through the Temple Mount gate. He did not go near the mosque. He was making a political statement: Jews have a right to go on the Temple Mount, those of two ancient Jewish temples now largely destroyed except for the Wall.

Wall. There were protests at the time of Sharon's walk, but serious riots did not begin until late *tonight*. Why?

Essentially, the reason was that Palestinian Authority chairman Yasser Arafat had been ducked at the July Camp David talks when, unlike Barak, he *refused* the American suggestion of shared sovereignty over Jerusalem and the Temple Mount. Consequently, Arafat suffered a setback in the battle for world public opinion and needed to turn attention away from his irresponsibility. The Palestinian leadership had categorically issued the Arab world that negotiations would only be a "truce" in reaching its goals of an Israel forced back to its 1967 borders, with Jerusalem the capital of a new Palestinian state, along with annulling the right of return for all Arab "refugees" (a euphemism for the demographic annihilation of the Jewish state).

Violence has always been part of the Palestinian definition of "negotiations." Two days before Sharon's visit, an official Palestinian Authority newspaper said: "Had it not been for this blood, the world would never have been interested in us... our sacred duty is to continue the confrontation, to continue the struggle, continue to sacrifice our martyrs." Added Authority Justice Minister Yusef Abu Mideen: "Violence is around the corner and the Palestinians are willing to sacrifice over 5,000 casualties."

Meanwhile, the Authority released dozens of Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorism to the streets. The diplomatic success of Barak at Camp David was to be neutralized with photos of Arab "firebats" being attacked by Israeli soldiers. Israeli army units found themselves facing armed Arab mobs with children sometimes deliberately put in the front lines.

**The Arabs demand** the right to control the holy places. They were given that right for one day at the Temple Mount recently and used it to stone Jews at the Walling Wall below. At the same time, Arabs burned to the ground the oldest existing ruins of a Jewish synagogue, located at Jericho. The tomb of Joseph at Nablus was destroyed when Israeli soldiers arrested from guarding it. In contrast, on the rare occasion when a Jewish mob has attacked Muslim religious sites, there were no serious injuries by the Israeli police.

The mosaic in this heated synagogue at Jericho had the inscription "Peace on Israel." Western hypocrisy may continue to chase that slogan on television and in the halls of the United Nations, unheeded by the millions ofynch mobs and the innumerable destruction of dead bodies. The consequences of their ignorance, cowardice and cynicism will be paid for by both Jewish blood and that of the Palestinians, the latter created by their own people like animals for the past 50 years—and now, sadly, some behaving like them.

# Playing the Odds

With the economy hot and the polls good, the Liberals roll the election dice

By John Geddes in Ottawa

**P** Perhaps only his wife, Alice Chretien, really knows when the Prime Minister decided that this felt was the time to go to the voters again. But that doesn't stop just about everyone who works in federal politics from expounding a theory. Some speculate that as long ago as last March, when Paul Martin backers were publicly pushing him to step down, Jean Chretien judged he could not hold his divided caucus together long enough to wait until the traditional four-year mandate was up in the spring of 2001. Or he could have made the decision early last July, when Stockwell Day won the Canadian Alliance leadership race (better to risk an early call, Chretien might have calculated, than give Day time to establish himself). Or was the timing based less on strategy than instinct? Maybe the old election jitters started flowing during, say, a summer campaign-style picnic he took to the New Brunswick constituency he once represented in the House of Commons.

That *Beauséjour* FestiveLand riding is close to Chretien's heart. It was there that he won a 1990 by-election to mark his return to active politics after four years in exile from the life he loves while John Turner led the Liberals. He went back to run in his old Saint-Maurice, Que., riding for his makeshift 1993 campaign, but kept a fond eye on the New Brunswick seat. When it went NDP in the 1997 election—part of the East Coast backlash against Chretien's unemployment insurance reforms—the loss stung. To make matters worse, the former Liberal candidate was Dennis LeBlanc, one of his close friends. Dennis LeBlanc, the former governor general. This is

one thing Chretien wants back badly. So on Aug. 2, apparently without much advance planning, he dropped in on Dominica for a nostalgic tour of the fishing village of Cap-Haïtien, where he had served a cottage when he served as the local MP.

Dominic LeBlanc describes that day as one of unrefined, old-fashioned, egg-worming politicking. "The people here feel an attachment to him," he recalls. "We visited a few wharves, a coffee shop and a grocery store, and the reaction was overwhelming. Unfortunately, no press, we showed up on a wharf where about 15 guys were getting their lobster traps ready, and they took the Prime Minister out for a spin in a boat." Those few hours were a distillation of everything Chretien is said to relish about campaigning: a trusted Liberal ambusher at his side, a chance to give his famous folksy rapport with Canadians a workout, and behind it all, a partisan score just waiting to be scored. "You could feel his enthusiasm," says LeBlanc, 32, who is running in *Beauséjour*/Pentecost again in the election that Chretien was widely expected to call on Sunday for Nov. 27.

Of course, this campaign is driven by more than Chretien's urge to get out on the trailings and have fun. The Liberals are riding on a wave of poll results so formidable that their opponents scarcely believe the numbers. Elton Research Associates Inc.—not Chretien's official pollster, but a firm he respects—recently pegged Liberal support at 50 per cent, 12 points higher than the party garnered in winning its majority in the 1997 election. The same poll registered 49-per-cent support for the Canadian Alliance, level with the 1997 vote share claimed by its predecessor, the Re-



Day: Outlining Liberal attacks have left no doubt that the Prime Minister sees the Alliance as the primary enemy



Chretien with wife Alice: a possible case of soft numbers, hard income?

form party. In other words, Day appears to have brought the party some new support, while Chretien's popularity seems to have grown during his second stint. As for the also-ones, the Conservatives at 11 per cent and NDP at eight per cent are in danger of being decimated. And while the Bloc Québécois remains strong in Quebec, even there the Liberals appear poised to pick up a few new seats. In fact, in every province save the Alliance's Alberta stronghold, the Liberals head into Campaign 2000 as the front-running party.

So why are many Liberals nervous? A recent sequence of blows did not help. First came the embarrassing climb down from Chretien's hasty announcement that Mount Logan in the Yukon would be renamed for the late Pierre Elliott Trudeau. Then, more seriously, came successive scolding reports from the information commissioner, accusing Chretien of running a secretive regime, and the auditor general, confirming the scope of mismanagement uncovered in last win-

ter's job-creation funding scandal. Finally, Chretien's announcement of Brian Tobin to run in the election backfired when many MPs were annoyed at his decision to oust popular George Baker from his post as veterans affairs minister to make room for the resigning Newfoundland premier in his province's cabinet representative.

But the misgivings may be deeper than a bad week's worth of headlines. Much of Chretien's caucus openly opposed an early call until a few weeks ago, pleading with the Prime Minister to hold off until next spring. Chretien chafed at their reluctance to the usual jitters of MPs worried about keeping their jobs, but there are real reasons for Liberals to be looking over their shoulders. For one thing, politicians do not expect the party's high members to hold up in every region through a five-week campaign. Take British Columbia, where Elton gave the Liberals a daunting 48-per-cent to 33-per-cent edge over the Alliance. "That's certainly a soft member for the Liberals,"

## Much of Chrétien's caucus openly opposed an election call

caucuses Bloc president Frank Graves.

"We saw similar numbers going into the last election, when the biggest collapse the Liberals saw was in British Columbia."

Along with increments of their own 1997 midterms on both counts to worry them, federal Liberals can now over recent examples of voters teaching provincial governing parties hard lessons. Last year alone, New Brunswick's Liberals blew a sizable pre-campaign lead to lose power to Tory upstart Bernard Lord; Manitoba's long-governing Tories were beaten by the NDP, and Saskatchewan's NDP, under Ray Romanow, squandered much of a comfortable polling edge to be relegated to minority status by the new Saskatchewan Party. Romanow announced last month he was leaving politics—a less than glorious end to a distinguished career that must have given Chrétien pause.

These are the tales federal opposition party campaigns are telling each other as they cling to hope. John Lachinger, national campaign manager for Joe Clark's Tories and a key tactician in Lord's New Brunswick triumph, notes his private polling suggests a parallel between the way that provincial contests turned around and what might happen in the federal one. "If you took only the polls that are public today, it's a slam-dunk for the Liberals, it's all over," admits Lachinger. "But I think Liberal support is soft—they're sitting on a base of their mad." Members of Chrétien's campaign team say they too, expect little faith in pre-campaign polls. "When you go into an election, you can't take anything for granted," says David Smith, co-chairman of both the Liberal national campaign and the party's campaign organization for the crucial Ontario battleground. Smith says the key element in this election that makes it more likely Liberal support will solidify, rather than erode, is the "polarization" of the vote



Chrétien with Charbonneau and Lapierre (right): a polarized campaign

between Liberals and the Alliance. In fact, polarization is a word Liberal election strategists and candidates repeat so often it amounts to their unofficial election slogan. It has been that way ever since Chrétien delivered a blistering personal attack on Day at a late-August Liberal caucus meeting—leaving the doubt that he views the Tories and NDP as dangerous birds worth rethinking. Part of the reason Liberals are dismissing Clark and NDP Leader Alexa McDonough is simple arithmetic. After all, their parties' combined polling support is only about equal to the Alliance's numbers. "While still, NDP and Tory support is dispersed across the country, without enough regional concentration to deliver more than a smattering of seats. Meanwhile, the Alliance's support is concentrated in Alberta and British Columbia, and to a lesser degree in Manitoba and Saskatchewan—all but ensuring that Day will lead a respectable western coalition of MPs back into the House. The aim of the polarization message is to persuade undecided New Democrat voters, and even some Red Tories, to vote Liberal out of distrust for the Alliance. "If somebody is uncomfortable about the Alliance, then there is only one other option to support," says Smith. "The Tories and NDP will be further marginalized."

Along with its national aim of obscuring the NDP and Tory support, the polarization theme gives the Liberals something else they need—a sense of mission. There is no other

## The battle of the Atlantic

Brian Tobin has always taken his father Vince's counsel. So, a week perfectly timing that, as the former finance lay dying of cancer earlier this month, his son would ask whether he should stay or go in primer of Newfoundland or return to federal politics. "He just looked at me and said, 'Brian, follow your heart,'" Tobin told *Maclean's* last week. That meant heading back to Ottawa—even if there were two people he had to hear from first before making the decision final. But his wife, Judith, stood by her man. And he says that George Baker, the colourful Newfoundland MP who lost his post as minister of veterans affairs when Tobin agreed to join the federal cabinet, also supported his decision. Last week, Tobin, who was appointed Canada's new minister of industry, swung back onto Parliament Hill. It was by he left in January, 1996—alarming the opposition and stealing the media spotlight. The Liberal prodigal son had returned. Even Paul Martin seemed to be smiling.

Tobin is a sparkling campaigner who is likely to be one of the federal finance minister's main rivals for the party leadership since Charbonneau's surge down. With the Liberals all but dead in Western Canada, a "bordered island" in the East—where the Grits won only 11 of 52 seats in 1997—could hold the key to forming a third consecutive government. Caucasian Alliance pollster John Mylrobythyn offered away in Atlantic Canada in August when he said that Macnamara are lay and overly dependent on government handouts. Although Stedwell Day quickly accepted his resignation, the Alliance still seems to be going nowhere in the region. But the East Coast is critical for the other old-line parties, who were reduced to Atlantic backdrops during the last election. The Tories, with 13 of their 19 seats in Atlantic Canada and the New Democrats, with most of their 19 seats in the region, could find themselves making last stands in the East. "Atlantic Canada is the battleground," says a high-ranking Liberal strategist.

Even though public opinion polls put their support at 50 per cent, the Grits have been taking no chances on sweeping the region. This summer, they launched the \$700-million Atlantic Innovation Fund; last month, they introduced new legislation to repeal their 1996 cuts to Employment Insurance benefits for seasonal workers—widely blamed for the loss of 20 Liberal seats in Atlantic Canada in the 1997 election.

Liberal strategists say the campaign platform will contain no big-sounding promises for the region. But last week's cabinet shuffle, which also transferred ex-New Scotia senator Bernie Boudreau into a regional megaregion as minister responsible for the over-controversial Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, underscored a key Liberal message: the Alliance may be the resistance, but why waste a vote on the lonely Tories or NDP when you can elect a government in which Atlantic Canada can enjoy real change? It's an old message—but one the Grits hope will resonate.

John Delkunt on Halifax

appears justification for an early election call. The campaign has been cranking along powerfully for so long now that the business cycle is a fading memory. The only policy challenge big enough on its own to have justified a vote—the rift with the provinces over health care—was settled amicably last month when Chrétien and the premiers agreed to a deal that will see Ottawa hand over \$23.4 billion in new health funding over five years. They leave Liberals carrying the campaign as a crusade against Day's purported threat to Canadian values. One close adviser to the Prime Minister said the question Liberals want to see is asking themselves as they step into polling booths is this: "Do we want to preserve all those things that we feel good

about, like our universal health care? Or do we want to take a very sharp turn to the right?"

But Day is not letting himself be dragged easily into the clash over values. The platform he released in Waterloo, Ont., before the election call was a soothing pamphlet aimed at Ontario provincial Tory voters who must swing to the Alliance if the party is to put a dent in Liberal dominance of the most rural-rich province. Consider health care—an issue Liberals had hoped to challenge Day on at every turn. His cue promise is to increase funding and pass a law giving never-to-untilized care transfers to the provinces. That hardly sounds like the end of medicine. Deeper changes are hinted at, but only as a fuzzy

commitment that an Alliance government would be open to negotiating ways for the provinces to gain more say in enforcing the Canada Health Act.

Shielding Day from charges that he would dismantle health care or jeopardize other social programs was a key goal of the Alliance Ontario strategy—a mission it may have largely accomplished. But on so other close men, establishing the Alliance as the party of its chief, Day could be in trouble. Last week, Finance Minister Paul Martin rebuffed a so-called mini-budget laden with tax cuts that are anything but minuscule. The review from private-sector experts told the story: "Checklist of crowd-pleasing items," said economist dealer BMO Neilson Burns. An "insightful challenge of the pre-election money tree," concluded *Standard and Poor's* DRI economists forecasting next. A "reasonable bounty of benefits," chimed in Bank of Nova Scotia. The counterpoint measures covering all the loans, cuts at all income levels, especially for taxpayers who would fall into newly



Tobin with his wife, Judith: taking an Atlantic Coast East

## A bad report card

Auditor General Denis Desautels put the Liberals on the defensive last week when he released a scathing review of the government's management of funds. Some of the 80-page report's findings:

- The governments claim that Human Resources and Development Canada's \$400-million Territorial Jobs Fund

created 30,000 jobs over three years was deemed "overestimated." Desautels also said that HRDC management was far worse than previously thought.

- Without the House's consent, \$100 million was allocated to turn Toronto's old Downsview military base into a park and butterfly garden.
- Health Canada does not adequately monitor the distribution of prescription drugs on native reserves,

providing easy access to excessive quantities.

- The Canadian International Development Agency escaped a \$6.3-million contract to a company run by a friend of Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, whose firm had failed to meet contract criteria.
- Transport Canada leased airports to private authorities beginning in 1992 before first assessing the worth of the facilities, resulting in the loss of \$474 million in rent alone.



created tax breaks for those earning \$60,000 to \$100,000.

Martin's package was painstakingly constructed to contrast with the Alliance's dramatic tax plan. Day proposes a two-tier personal tax system, 17 per cent levied on income up to \$100,000 and 25 per cent above that. (The 25-per-cent bracket would be cut to 17 per cent in the second term of an Alliance government.) Martin's plan will leave four tax brackets: 28 per cent for those earning \$180,000 or more, 26 per cent for income of \$60,000 to \$180,000, 22 per cent for income of \$30,000 to \$60,000, and a 16-per-cent rate for income up to \$30,000. According to Martin's officials, the Alliance plan gives 75 per cent of its tax reductions to Canadians earning \$100,000 or more, while the Liberal plan distributes just 79 per cent of its tax relief to that highest income bracket.

Martin slammed the Alliance plan as one that would "divert to upper-income Canadians tax relief that rightly belongs to the middle class." That attack prompted Alliance MP Jason Kenney. Day's top lieutenant and co-chairman of his election campaign team, to angrily accuse him of succumbing to the demagogic rhetoric of class warfare.

In fact, the duelling speeches between Martin and Kenney on the floor of the House may have given the best taste yet of the sort of sparks the campaign could produce.

All the emphasis on Martin in the days leading up to the election call had many Liberals wondering how prominent he will be in the campaign. Despite unrelenting bad feelings between the Chrétien and Martin camps, the Prime Minister's top advisers were stressing this week that they want the finance minister to play a high-profile role. As evidence, they pointed out that Martin and Chrétien have already filmed a campaign TV advertisement together. But one Martin supporter noted that the only ad featuring both politicians thus far is part of the French-language campaign—suggesting, Chrétien plans to draw on Martin's strong standing in Quebec, but limit national exposure that might enhance Martin's status as Liberal heir apparent. And while a few prominent Martin backers have formal campaign roles, others complained privately that they feel



Clark, the Conservatives are in danger of being decimated at the polls

cut out of the election action by Chrétien's right inner circle.

If Chrétien indulges in politeness with Martin seems defensive, so did his whole style of governing in recent days. Information commissioner John Reid, who unveils complaints the government is violating Canada's freedom of information law, singled out the Prime Minister's Office for refusing to co-operate with valid requests for documents, and accused the Liberals of mounting "a full-on counterattack" against the rules that limit government secrecy. Auditor General Denis Desautels reported that his investigation found mismanagement "in all key areas and in all the programs we examined" in the human resources development department. Chrétien brushed off the reports. "In public administration," he said bluntly, "there are always some problems and we try to correct them." Intense pressure from the opposition, the media, even the two public-service watchdogs, failed to squeeze a drop of censure out of him. Appearing last week at a news conference with Ontario Premier Mike Harris and Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman to announce a joint \$1.5-billion waterfront revitalization plan for the city, he was a politician in full election mode.

Perhaps that should count as no surprise. It's been selling 1985 autobiography, *Simple Pleasures of the Heart*, Chrétien spelled out his philosophy of political survival. "The press wants to get you. The opposition wants to get you. Even some of the business want to get you. The only way to survive is to get you. They all have an interest in making you look bad." No wonder he revels in getting out to a New Brunswick village. In this election, though, Day's arguments are wrong, not to let Canadians forget about Chrétien's tough Ontario operating style as he reaches to his more successful campaign style. The danger for the Prime Minister is that this time the baggage of two terms of government could begin to drag him down. The problem for Day is that polls suggest Canadians think Chrétien carries the weight well. 



McDonough: Chrétien views the Liberals and NDP as minor distractions

## The Ontario Sweepstakes

By Julian Beltrame

It was the kind of evening that might have saved Preston Manning's job. Last week, a blue-chip crowd of about 1,000 turned out at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre to take a reading of the Reform party leader's successor, Stockwell Day of the Canadian Alliance. In the process, they forked out \$17 million, advertised as a reward for a fiduciary fund-raiser. The audience included a smattering of Bay Street elite executives from RBC Dominion Securities, CIBC, Bell Canada, Sun Life, Manulife Financial, Molson, Magna, Nord, corporate lawyers and stockbrokers, plus four Ontario Tory cabinet ministers. No doubt many will write up for the Liberals' Jack Chertoff and even Conservative party leader Joe Clark when they come calling. But the fact that they dug deep for Day—is worth \$25,000 for a table of 10—gave the western-based party reason to hope it had finally arrived as a contender in Ontario. "We're stunned and a little overwhelmed," said Rod Love, the Alliance's campaign director. "Look at the room, look at the crowd, look at the money, just look at this."

Alliance strategists know Ontario cannot be won in one night. And the following day, they were back at work putting the finishing touches on their campaign for the election that Chertoff was widely expected to call on Sunday for Nov. 27. Day is planning to spend considerable time in the province. The party chair, Kitchener in southwestern Ontario, is launching to decrease political entries this month, and his schedule has him touring extensively. To demonstrate his Ontario roots, Day took special care to mention during his Toronto speech last week that his grew up in the province. "Ontario is the heartland," says Phil van Fleet, Day's spokesman. "We're going there a lot."

The old arithmetic dictates that the Alliance to gain ground without making a serious run in the province, which accounts for 103 of Parliament's 301 seats (of those, the Liberals hold 101). If it appears unlikely the Conservatives, the NDP and the Bloc Québécois can hold their current strength, the Alliance would need upwards of 15 seats in Ontario just to deny the Liberals their third consecutive majority for the Alliance to win a minority government, a task lay claim to 40 Ontario seats, as a major



Day: the starting attraction at a \$1.7-million fund-raiser in Toronto

man. They are nowhere near attaining that goal now. Markham MP Jim Jones, who became the Alliance's only Ontario caucus member when he deserted the Tories last month, won't even pretend he will deliver his own northern Ontario riding to his adopted party. "Right now, I'd say success for us is 15 seats in Ontario," he said. *Maclean's*.

At this point, polls show even that would be a major coup.

The most sign of the recent optimism, a COMPOS poll released in mid-October, puts the Alliance at 24 per cent in the province, 30 points behind the Liberals. If those numbers hold, they translate into another massive Liberal sweep of Ontario. COMPOS pollster

Conrad Wirth says better news for the Alliance can be found in "the suburbs below the surface." Only 22 per cent of respondents ruled out voting for the Alliance, the same number who "seem most likely to vote Liberal. And when asked who "seems most like a prime minister," respondents ranked Day second to Chrétien. No site else, not even Ontario prime minister Clark, came close. "The old Reform was often identified by voters as the party they would never vote

**The Alliance hopes it has become a real contender**

## For the Alliance to gain ground, it must appeal to disgruntled Ontario Tories

fox." Wilson says. "This is not the case with the Alliance, so it's a major sea change in voter attitudes." Still, the Ontario pollster gives the party little chance of forming a government.

Senior Alliance officials acknowledge their polling is raising up the same members. Nevertheless, MP Jason Kenney, the party's campaign co-ordinator, insists on one's thinking of second place. "We're coming from behind, but the Liberals historically underperform during campaigns," he says, noting how Chrétien saw his huge lead melt away during the 1997 election. For inspiration, Kenney looks to the Mike Harris election in 1995, when the Ontario Tories crushed the campaign badly trailing Lyn McLeod's Liberals.

Kenney believes the Alliance should be competitive in the 99 seat House won in the 1999 election, particularly in suburban and rural Ontario, middle-class conservative domains where the Alliance's low-and-order message, opposition to gun registration and Day's family values beliefs most resonate.

A number of things must go right for the Alliance to break out from its western fortress, however. Conservative voters, who have deserted Clark and appear to be parlaying their support with the Liberals or in the undecided column, must come onboard in droves. Fargue with Chrétien must build to the point that former Liberal supporters will turn to Day as the new generation leader for the 21st century Day, who has never waged a national campaign, will have to prove he is ready for prime time. Finally, says Lane, "We need a little luck."

Fortune certainly smiled on the Alliance last week, when the Liberals made a few missteps. Even Paul Martin's five-year, \$100-billion cut-cut plan announced in his mid-budget gave rise to charges the Liberals are trying to bribe Canadians with their own money, while adding credibility to the Alliance's own plans to chip \$1.25 billion from the tax rolls. The week culminated with the Prime Minister being caught on tape easily selling a *Toronto Star* reporter



in the lobby of the House to "get out of my way."

Observers said the look in Chrétien's eye reminded them of his expression when he threatened a heckler in a 1996 Flag Day confrontation in Hull, Que. "We need the Prime Minister to act like he did all week," gloated Lane, an arrogant, out-of-touch, dismissive guy. "We need Jean Chrétien to be Jean Chrétien for the next five weeks."

The Alliance's biggest worry is that they will run out of time. Despite the fact Day dared Chrétien to call an election when Parliament resumed in September, party strategists say they would have much preferred a spring vote. Day has been the leader of a national party for only four months, and the Alliance had banked on a further six to establish him as a credible leader of the country Jones said Day "needs time to eliminate the innuendo and accusations" that he is a right-wing extremist and intolerant fundamentalist Christian. "The Liberals don't want to give Canadians a chance to know Day," Jones added. "That's why there's an election now." For Day, the challenge is to turn an election designed to catch him off guard into one in which he captures Canadians' imaginations. 

Chrétien's politicking voters see him "most like a prime minister"

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## Is the Land Still Strong?

By Geoffrey Stevens

In 1972, the Grits were soaring—but almost lost

I was, according to the TV producer's script that long-ago evening, precisely one minute and 30 seconds past 6 o'clock on Sept. 1, 1972, when *Peter Trudella* looked into the live cameras in Ottawa's National Press Building and announced that Parliament had been dissolved and a federal general election would be held on Oct. 30.

Ah, 1972. Among political junkies, 1972—"The Land Is Strong" election—was a classic. The Liberals were riding high in the polls. Surprisingly confident, they assumed they were unbeatable. They saw the election as just a necessary formality en route to a second Trudeau majority government (and fourth consecutive Liberal victory). For those who had lost the quiet view that arrogance should not go unpunished, even in politics, 1972 was the most dramatic election since, well, 1957, when Liberal arrogance begot John Diefenbaker. When the dust finally settled in 1972, Trudeau's Liberals had been embarrassed, humiliated even, but not quite vanquished. They staggered out of the closest federal election in Canadian history with a minority—389 seats to 107 for Bob Scanfield's Tories.

That, of course, was then. This is now, and things have changed. Right in 1972, as we had heard of the Bloc Québécois, the Canadian Alliance or, for that matter, the Reform party, Joe Clark had not yet been elected to Parliament (though he would be that Oct. 30), Jean Charest was just finishing up his first decade in the Commons, and Paul Martin (the father) was government leader in the Senate. The big issue in 1972 was unemployment; the rate stood at seven per cent and everyone was worried. Twenty-eight years later, as the result of working hard by successive governments, the rate stands at 6.8 per cent, and no one cares.

In 1972, an ideological party of the right, the NDP, knocked tens of thousands of votes from the Liberals by campaigning against Liberal tax breaks for the affluent. (Remember David Lewis's Campaign: Welfare Busters?) In 2000, an ideological party of the right, the Alliance, will try to

knock tens of thousands of votes from the Liberals by campaigning in favour of more tax breaks for the affluent. And in 1972, of course, Logan was just a muckworm, named after someone nobody had ever heard of.

So much for differences. There is, it should be noted, a few similarities between 1972 and 2000—enough, perhaps, to cause a yawn of cynicism in Liberal ranks. In 1972, in now, the economy was booming and, if there seemed to be no good reason to throw out the architects of that prosperity, the people, so it transpired, pervasively concluded there was also no burning need to renew their tenure. The government's books were in good shape, good enough that the principal opposition party then, as now, claimed for major tax cuts. And let anyone think that this year's wacky over the management of job-creation on grants is unprecedented, there was a huge flap in '72 over public funds allegedly wasted in provincial bungling in the same service.

The greatest similarity is the Liberal conspiracy in 1972, as today, they called an election

because they thought they could win, not because they had anything compelling, or even very interesting, to say to the electorate. This fall, the Liberals enjoy a 20-point lead in the polls, and they fear their advantage will evaporate if they lose. In 1972, they delayed all summer, until they had a 16-point lead, they moved the lead to 13 points at the two-week mark of the campaign, only to fizzle more of a away. Their slogan, "The Land Is Strong"—"that soundly unsuccessful banner," as Trudeau biographer George Radwanski called it—captured the vacuousness of the entire Liberal campaign.

Something was obviously not quite right on that September night 28 years ago when Trudeau—looking better, his delivery flatter—declared to the television audience "If we couldn't be defeated, it wouldn't be a democracy... I'll tell you right now, we can lose this election, but we don't intend to."

Jean Charest doesn't intend to lose, either, but he could. ■



Trudella for campaign ended with a minority government

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#### It was chaos

In Wallerton, Ont., an inquiry into the local tainted-water scandal that resulted in seven deaths from *E. coli* poisoning heard that samples frequently were missing or were mislabeled. Robert Deakin, head of A&L Laboratories of London, Ont., which tested the town's water prior to this May, testified that Wallerton's testing procedures were in a shambles. "It was chaos," Deakin added.

#### Homicides down

Canada's homicide rate fell to 1.76 per 100,000 population in 1999—the lowest since 1967. That trend was in line with other countries such as the United States, where murders were also down. In Canada, British Columbia and Manitoba had the highest rates.

#### Dismissing a jury

Justice Claire Marland of the Ontario Superior Court dismissed the jury in the case of a woman who suing her former employer because she suffered debilitating injuries while trying to drive home drunk from a company Christmas party. Marland said critical coverage of the woman's case, as well as a spoof on CBC TV's *Royal Canadian Air Force*, could affect jurors.

#### Turning silver to gold?

Canadian skipper Caroline Brunet, who won a silver medal at the Sydney Olympics in the K-1 500-m race, may yet get gold. Last week, the World Anti-Doping Agency said it would investigate again the five Italian gold medalists, among them the woman who beat Brunet, Josella Herra Guerrero, showed abnormally high levels of human growth hormone, a banned substance, prior to the Games.

#### Missing millions

The mystery surrounding the elusé King's Health Care Centre in downtown Toronto deepened as police issued Canada-wide warrants for co-founder Ron Kowal and his wife, Loren. Police allege the Kowals diverted several million dollars from the centre in an elaborate health-care scam. The couple disappeared from their home on Oct. 15.

## Canada Notes

### Clark game to fight charges

After nearly two years of avoidance, the RCMP announced last week that former B.C. premier Glen Clark has been charged with breach of trust and fraud on the government. Democratic Platonos, a friend and neighbour in east Vancouver for whom Clark was accused of helping obtain a lucrative conditional casino licence, was charged with nine similar counts. (The government later killed the licence.) Clark—who has said he was innocent ever since police staged a sensational March, 1999, raid on his home that was broadcast across Canada—said he will fight the charges. "I look forward very much to clearing my name at the trial and I believe that will be done."

According to court documents, Clark, who resigned as premier in August, 1999, is accused of accepting improper payment to his properties from Platonos, who built condos on Clark's house and on the family summer



The former premier, a complex case

home in the Okanagan. The police began their investigations in January, 1999, after an informant alleged improprieties. After the appointment of a special prosecutor, British Columbia's conflict-of-interest commissioner began a separate investigation, which is continuing. RCMP spokesman Cpl. Gene Leppard said an investigation lasting nearly two years is not "unusual for a complex case." He added that the high-profile nature of the case will not mean Clark is treated differently. Clark and Platonos are to appear in B.C. Supreme Court on Nov. 17.

### A convicted killer meets another jury

In **MOOSE JAW, SASK.**, jury selection wrapped up for the parole hearing of Colin Thatcher. In one of Saskatchewan's most notorious trials, the son of former premier Ross Thatcher was found guilty in 1984 of first-degree murder in the death of his ex-wife JoAnn Wilson, who was beaten and then shot in the head in the garage of her Regina home. Thatcher, who was sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 25 years, is applying to be freed early under the so-called *five-year* clause of the Criminal Code.

### Scrapping a deal

A plan to send millions of tonnes of Toronto's garbage by train 500 km north to an abandoned open-pit mine near Kirkland Lake, Ont., which Toronto city council had earlier voted to approve, was scrapped. Mayor Mel Lastman said the potential liability of the \$1-billion deal had become too high because Rail Cycle

North insisted on a clause making taxpayers responsible for any "unavoidable costs" that might crop up over the 20-year life of the contract. Toronto will now try to sign a deal to send its garbage to Michigan. Opponents of the mine project, who feared seepage would contaminate groundwater, welcomed the decision. Others said it was a blow to Northern Ontario's economy.

# A Deadly Standoff



By Eric Silver in Jerusalem

A group of Arab men from the West Bank village of Bar Puck decided to take advantage of a lull in the violence to harvest olives. But two armed Jews from a nearby settlement accompanied them as they were leaving their village, killing one of them, 26-year-old Fadi Nasser, in a burst of gunfire. The murder came just as U.S. President Bill Clinton, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak were meeting in the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh in an attempt to end the fighting that has claimed more than 120 lives since Sept. 8. After two days of talks, Barak and Arafat issued a call for peace, but as Nasser's murder underscored, enemies on either side could still seek the deal. "The violence cannot be stopped," stated Marwan Barghout, a

who controls the Tulkarm, a group of Palestinian militiamen. Within hours of the accord being reached, Barghout's words proved prophetic as fierce fighting continued in the region. The main violence broke out near Nablus, where five Arabs died in clashes with Israeli soldiers. Witnesses said the Palestinians appeared to be on a suicide mission, knowing they would likely be gunned down as soon as they opened fire. The deadly confrontation at Nablus was part of what Palestinian militant groups had declared as a "day of rage"—processes were also killed in Ramallah, Jericho, Tulkarm, Qalqilya and the village of Salbi, where a 13-year-old boy was shot in the head. The Israelis, who had begun to pull back their tanks as part of the Sharm el-Sheikh agreement, immediately blamed Arafat, claiming he had failed to control his militiamen. But

## Violent clashes between Israelis and Palestinians continued in spite of a U.S.-sponsored truce

chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat accused Israel of provoking clashes by sending troops into Palestinian areas. "The Israeli government is doing a good job at killing this peace process," said Erekat. "It is a very determined effort."

Initially, it appeared as though the accord would hold. Some observers even speculated that co-operation between the Palestinian and Israeli secret services was behind Israel's arrest of eight Arabs suspected of involvement in the brutal murders of two Israeli reserve soldiers who had been beaten and stabbed to death in the Palestinian city of Ramallah. But Israeli officials said the renewed violence was meant to influence public opinion at foreign missions from the Arab League gathered for a weekend summit meeting in Cairo. The Cairo meeting had been called to denounce Israel over its treatment of the Palestinians. All but eight of the 120 people killed in the violence were Arabs, and the minutes were expected to attack Israel for failing to cede occupied Arab land for peace. Iraq was also scheduled to attend the meeting—in its first summit since the end of the 1990 Gulf War—and analysts said the militant Arab country could fuel demands for stronger action against Israel. But, said Yemeni Foreign Minister Abdul-Qader Bagmal, "This summit will not be announcing war. It will be about supporting the Palestinian resistance."

Barak, however, offered the Arab leaders a blunt deadline, claiming he would end the peace process if the unrest persisted in the wake of the summit. "If things continue this way and the Sharm understandings do not lead to the end of the violence," said Barak, "then immediately after the summit we will take a time-out in order to reassess the peace process."

For Clinton, meanwhile, last week provided a stark reminder of how the Arab-Israeli conflict could claim other victims. One day after Sharm el-Sheikh, he attended a memorial service in Norfolk, Va., for 17 sailors killed on the destroyer USS Cole when it was attacked by terrorists on Oct. 12, in the Yemeni port of Aden. The explosion occurred when two men threw a rubber raft loaded with explosives into the side of the Cole. American investigators in Aden said a boy they questioned told them he had been paid by two men to watch their car while they put to sea in a rubber raft. Although two obscure terrorist groups claimed responsibility for the blast, investigators have yet to officially comment. But Clinton told the families of the dead in Norfolk that the killers will be caught. "We will find you," said the President, "and justice will prevail."

Last week's persistent violence further undermined Barak,

who faces tough domestic political challenges when Israeli parliament reconvenes after a long summer recess at the end of October. His own Labour Party no longer enjoys a majority in the Israeli legislature, Barak's coalition fell apart after Israel made several critical concessions at the Camp David peace summit in July, among them a proposal to share administration of Jerusalem, an issue that has divided both Arabs and Jews. With the region in turmoil, Barak had hoped to bring the right-wing Likud opposition and its leader, Ariel Sharon, into a national emergency government. But after the Sharm el-Sheikh summit, Sharon refused to join and denounced Barak's decision to attempt to continue the peace process.

Sharon's refusal to join the government came as a relief to members of the Labour coalition who support the peace initiative. They blame Sharon for starting the latest conflict when violent protests followed his Sept. 28 visit to an ancient site in Jerusalem sacred to both Muslims and Jews. Justice Minister Yossi Beilin, an architect of the 1993 Oslo peace pact that launched the peace process, warned the invitation



Arafat (left), Clinton and Mubarak, Palestinians had agreed at Israeli soldiers (opposite), failing hope for peace

to Sharon, saying it was "like recruiting an assassin into the fire brigade." But if Barak suspends the peace process, it again opens the door for co-operation with Sharon.

Now, if the current violence can be curbed, the most aggressive short-term scenario is that Israeli and Palestinian officials will gradually begin to meet again until their leaders are ready to negotiate in earnest. But hopes for a comprehensive peace agreement have faded. Even the most ardent Israeli peace campaigners are now advocating further interim agreements—phased withdrawals from the occupied territories and a gradual restoration of dialogue. It is widely acknowledged that the gap between the two sides on the gut issue of Jerusalem cannot be bridged, at least for the foreseeable future. Until it, there will be no lasting peace in the Middle East. And last week, even a temporary peace proved to be elusive. ■

# Playing political hardball

Hillary Clinton and Rick Lazio fight it out in the campaign for a New York Senate seat

By Andrew Phillips in Buffalo

**Let's make it clear off the top:** the subject on New York's lips last week was decidedly not the political death march between Hillary Rodham Clinton and her rival for a seat in the U.S. Senate, Republican congressman Rick Lazio. As they might say in Queens or the Bronx—no facilities' way (though they'd probably use a stronger word than "brat")

No, the obsession of the moment was, of course, the Subway Series, the first all-New York baseball showdown since the Yankees laced the old Brooklyn Dodgers back in 1956 (page 34). How, the political wonkard, might it all play out? Would it remind some of Clinton's much-mooted claim to be a closet Yankee fan despite her room in Illinois? And would it give Lazio a chance to advertise his local-boy status by beating her out his lifelong allegiance to the Mets? Lazio left nothing to chance: He showed up at Shea Stadium to watch the Mets clinch the National League pennant, then caught a ball tossed to him by pitcher Al Leiter bearing the rude inscription "Rock, Rick Lazio's ass."

It was fitting that Lazio identifies with the Mets, evolutionarily the team of underdogs and winners: He's holding one of the final days before the Nov. 7 run, he has fumbled badly, owning six to nine points behind Clinton in the polls. A Subway Series may only come along every two generations or so, but Clinton seems poised to accomplish something completely without precedent: use the job of First Lady as a springboard to win high office. This, despite the loathing the masses feel for so many Americans—including many New Yorkers. Lazio has run not so much on who he is—a plebe-

an, moderate, relatively young (43) congressman from Long Island—but on who he *isn't*: Hillary. "You're carrying the torch against the passions of evil," a radio host in Wicomico, N.Y., told him.

That, it turns out, probably won't be enough. In part, it's because Clinton dug in and learned what did not come naturally to her—how to be a grassroots campaigner. In blue-collar South Buffalo last week, she showed none of the awkwardness that marked her early efforts. From acknowledging the myriad local jobs who crowded the stage at the Buffalo Irish Center to share in her celebrity, to navigating complicated local issues, Clinton was—or at least gave the home a sense of being—simply at home at a meeting held aptly Democratically with Senator Edward Kennedy ("She's learned on the job," said Maady Pugh, vice-chairman of the Erie County

Democratic party. "She's become an awesome campaigner.")

And like her husband, Bill, Hillary Clinton has been firm as iron in choosing her opponents. The man who was long presumed to be her Republican challenger, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, dropped out of the race in May after being diagnosed with prostate cancer. Lazio, a comparative unknown, jumped in—but has been criticized even in his own party for running a lax, unfocused campaign. In contrast to Clinton's polarizing personality, Lazio's big card was bluntness, which he proceeded to throw away in their first televised debate on Sept. 13. First, he stride over to Clinton, thrust a paper containing a pledge to ban unregulated "soft money" from the campaign at her, and demanded that she sign it on the spot. Then, after Clinton was shaken by a pointed question about her husband's betrayal of her with White House intern Monica Lewinsky, Lazio rubbed it in by lecturing her about "blatant evasions every time you have responsibility."



Clinton (left), New York Gov. George Pataki and Lazio following the second debate with Clinton posing questions about the First Lady's husband



Clinton with Governor Kenneth S. Goldberger at a tough campaign

Lazio may have been trying to be tough, but he came off like a bully. His poll numbers immediately tanked, especially among the suburban female voters who are seen as a key bloc in almost every U.S. campaign, and Clinton has been riding high ever since. One post-debate poll put her support at 58 per cent—a level her opponents find odd she could never match because so many voters despise her. In New York City, with an overwhelmingly liberal, ethnic voter, the lead by a 3-to-1 margin. Lazio is ahead in the suburbs and upstate—but not by much. And in swing areas like Buffalo, Clinton is doing better than expected.

To Clinton supporters who turned out in Buffalo to cheer her on at the Irish Center, giving the local economy moving downtown all other issues. "We're been down, down, down, we need all the help we can get," said retired salesman William Lynch, 65. "If you've got a choice between a heavyweight and a lightweight to defend you, it's easy. Hillary's heavy hitter. She's got so many connections and friends and friends do, she'll be able to deliver."

One issue on voters' minds almost never comes up publicly: her reputation

relationship with her husband. In her second debate with Lazio on Oct. 8, she was asked bluntly why she stayed in her marriage after the Lewinsky episode. "I've made my choices," she responded in subdued tones, pointing to her daughter, Chelsea, in the audience. "We have a family that means a lot to us. The choice I've made in my life is right for me." Lazio wisely chose not to touch that again, but the sight of a First Lady flying solo around the state while her husband tends to his duties back in Washington was bound to raise questions. They are not together often. The New York Times reported recently that since the Clintons' recent possession of their house in suburban Chappaqua, N.Y., in January, the President has stayed overnight there with his wife one or three times a month—occasionally flying up in the evening for a quick visit.

Clinton's strategists, though, have determinedly ignored all that, as well as her divisive personality. Their strategy has been to have her campaign like any other candidate—drumming up about dairy subsidies and new bridges. But however much they may wish it, the New York race is like no other this year: it has as-

tracted record amounts of money, much of it from out of state. Clinton has raised about \$37.6 million, 60 per cent from outside New York, and was overwhelmed when it was revealed that her campaign had obtained 1,400 names from a list of visitors to White House social events—and sent fund-raising letters to them. (Opponents said it was a mistake and returned the money.) And Lazio has collected about \$45.9 million—making forays as far afield as Alabama to solicit conservatives eager to see a final end to the Clinton era.

Clinton's day job as First Lady has come back to trouble her in other ways. Only last week, independent consultant Robert Ray reported that the pace "fairly fully" from testimony during an investigation into an old controversy about her role in the firing of several employees of the White House travel office. Ray said there was not enough evidence to seek criminal charges against Clinton, but Lazio immediately reminded voters that "character counts in public service." New Yorkers will have a chance to make that judgment soon enough—right after the cheers and the groans from the Subway Series have faded away. ■

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## World Series Essay

# New York, New York

Baseball's first Subway Series in 44 years may be the wildest ever

By Bob McKeown

When I moved to New York City 10 years ago, I managed to convince myself that, though it was obviously a lot bigger than Toronto, life there would be more or less the same. Then I had to pay my first phone bill. A customer-service centre was just around the corner from CIBC, where I worked at the time, so I wandered over on my lunch hour. The place was packed with bullet-proof Plexiglas. Every caller was in a hurry, prominently displaying a 38 revolver I made a mental note to make all future payments on time. Afterwards, I phoned my wife.

"Sweetheart," I said, "I don't think we're in Canada anymore."

There's no question that much about the Big Apple has improved greatly since, but I've also come to realize that New York really doesn't resemble anywhere else in the United States either. It's more like that place in Star Wars where Luke Skywalker meets Han Solo, populated by a boisterous and often bizarre collection of creatures from all over the galaxy. Mayor Rudy Giuliani has his own modest way of putting it, draping banners from Manhattan lampposts that proclaim his city "Capital of the world." Well, hold onto your baseball caps because we're now witnessing an event that—if you believe the New York tabloids—may dwarf previous human history and render meaningless all life west of the Hudson River.

That, of course, is the *Subway Series*—the New York Yankees against the New York Mets for the baseball championship of the world for as long as the part of a dust can be reached by the number 7 train to Queens and the B, D and 4 to the Bronx. When the last such Series took place back in 1956, I was a first grader in Queens. But locked in my childhood memory bank is that madcap image of Yankee catcher Yogi Berra leaping into the arms of Don Larsen, who'd just pitched the first perfect game in World Series history. It was all the more memorable because the 27 straight



Mets faithful: public support is almost evenly divided

batters Larsen scored were the final home runs from Brooklyn.

There were other legendary series in the '40s and '50s, of course, pitting Yankees Joe DiMaggio and Mickey Vernon to Boston's Ted Williams and Dodgers Pee Wee Reese and Jackie Robinson to The House That Ruth Built. The Yankees played the New York Giants for the title, as well, though the subway wasn't necessary for that one. From Yankee Stadium in the Bronx to the old Polo Grounds in Manhattan was actually walking distance.

Who owns New York's heart this time? According to a *New York Times* poll, public support is almost evenly divided. My

own personal poll confirms this. Seen wearing Yankee hats around town? Billy Crystal, my old classmate from, and my boss at *Deadline NBC*. Seen wearing Mets caps? Jerry Seinfeld, Victor our co-owner and *Deadline* anchor Steve Phillips. (No surprise about Steve. Last year, in NBC camera club he got in the front row at Shea, cheering on the Mets in the playoffs, along with his 10-year-old son. Unbeknownst to Phillips, he had flubbed this sign "Watch *Deadline* after the game—storing my Dad.")

There is, of course, a possibility that some viewers will turn off the 2000 Subway Series because they only want to see New York games get heated and this year one will win. After all, cheering for the Bronx Bombers—with 25 championships, including three of the past four and two in a row—is like rooting for Microsoft or OPEC. And with baseball's fifth-highest payroll, the Mets



Reverend Rodriguez: a perfect game to down the Dodgers

aren't far behind on the empathy scale. But at least this once-in-a-generation matchup should keep network TV executives from whining about uncompetitive time zones and small-market teams dogging down the ratings.

One other thing is certain: this will be the most enthusiastic, interactive World Series ever. Anyone who saw the Mets and Yankees play each other this past July knows that. On a single day, the

teams met in a home-and-home inter-league series—a noon start at Yankee Stadium, then 8 p.m. at Shea. Both ball parks were packed, almost 60,000 for each. Both without crowds were on their feet from the first inning, cheering every pitch, apping the double level for each base runner. I've never seen or heard anything like it.

Back in the golden age of hockey in Edmonton—the glory days of Gretzky and MacLean—the Stanley Cup champion Oilers called their rink "the h-beam" because the atmosphere was almost ignored, their fans so quiet and nice. That will not be a problem during this Subway Series. And for a Canadian, that may be even harder to comprehend than paying your phone bill to a guy with a gun.

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## A campaign code of silence

After a year of far-out campaigning, hundreds of speeches, acres of newspaper and three full-scale presidential debates, can there be anything left to say in the U.S. campaign? Can there be any meaningful subject that hasn't been turned upside down, shaken out and examined from every angle?

Actually, yes. Here are a few issues, some of them affecting millions of Americans, that somehow, mysteriously, have not been seriously debated by Al Gore and George W. Bush.

• **Gun control** Remember Littleton, Colo.? West Paducah, Ky.? Jonesboro, Ark.? Was it just over a year ago that America was wincing its collective hands over an epidemic of gun violence in its schools? When teenage killers slaughtered 13 people at Columbine High School in Littleton, it seemed the moment had finally come to crack down on guns. Won't that a natural issue for Democrats to use to rally moderate voters—especially women—against gun-friendly Republicans?

But listen to Democrat Gore in last week's final debate. He gave the briefest possible answer when asked about guns, and stressed: "None of my proposals would have any effect on hunters or sportsmen or people who use rifles." Could it be just a coincidence that the swing states where the election will be decided include Pennsylvania, Michigan, Missouri and Ohio—places with lots of hunters who love their guns? I mean, could it?

• **The failed "war on drugs"** Evidence continues to mount that Washington's 20-year campaign to fight illegal drugs by cutting the supply is a costly failure that is ruining tens of thousands of lives. The United States spends \$60 billion a year on its drug war. The number of Americans in prison for drug offenses has gone up 10 times since 1980, to 456,000. Tougher sentences combined with even more draconian policies, like "three strikes and you're out," mean that tens of thousands are serving a decade or more in prison (in some states, life) for simple possession of tiny quantities of illegal drugs. Yet anyone who wants them can easily get them.

Only a handful of politicians will even address the subject. Curiously, they tend to be unconventional Republicans like Tom Campbell, the Stanford economist who is running for the Senate in California, and New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson, who points out that cigarettes killed 450,000 Americans last year, legal prescription drugs killed 196,000, while cocaine

and heroin killed 5,000. But mainstream politicians—including, of course, Bush and Gore—won't touch it for fear of being thought (you guessed it) "soft on drugs."

• **The burgeoning prison population** Drug offenders are just one part of a bigger problem: the enormous number of Americans behind bars. Spiraling crime rates in the 1970s, '80s and early '90s shocked Americans; politicians responded by increasing sentences, restricting "mandatory minimums" for many offenses and taking away judges' discretion to impose lighter sentences. Crime has been falling sharply now for five years or more, but the laws are still being enforced. The result: the U.S. prison population topped two million for the first time last year (it reached 2,036,596 at the end of 1999

—a rate of incarceration six times that of Canada). Another 4.5 million are on parole or probation, putting some 6.5 million under correctional supervision.

If they were all dangerous criminals, no one would care. But tens of thousands are petty drug offenders—basically addicts who might better be rehabilitated or simply left alone. Thousands of children whose parents have been away for years have ended up in state foster-care systems—another generation scarred. It took a generation for Americans to put these draconian laws in place, and it may take a generation to dismantle them. For now, little debate.

• **The uninsured** Bill Clinton entered the White House in 1993 promising to work for universal health care. He gave the job to Hillary Clinton, with disastrous political results, and the number of Americans without any kind of health insurance has crept up almost every year since. It hit 42.6 million last year—a slight decline from 1998, but three million higher than when Clinton took office.

Health care has been a hot issue this year—but it's been almost all about who'll do more to lower prescription-drug prices for senior citizens. Nothing wrong with that, though it seems our two-thirds of U.S. seniors already have some kind of drug coverage. The number truly in need and who would benefit from either candidate's plan is relatively small. Still, seniors do something that a lot of other Americans don't do: they vote.

It's almost enough to make you wish for another debate. Al Gore—but not quite.



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## Castro on the streets

President Fidel Castro, 74, led 800,000 Cubans through the streets of Havana to protest U.S. legislation that he believes increases rather than eases the four-decade-old trade embargo against his island nation. The measure allows Americans to sell food and medicine to Cuba, but bans the U.S. government and private banks from financing those sales. Castro believes that makes it all but impossible for Cuba, strapped for Western currency, to take advantage of the change because it would have to pay cash.

## Roots in Zimbabwe

Zimbabwean troops beat stone-throwing protesters in an attempt to quell three days of rioting in the capital city, Harare. Zimbabwe is suffering through its worst economic crisis since independence in 1980. The riots erupted when the price of bread and sugar jumped 50 per cent.

## Rumours about the Pope

Belgian Cardinal Cardinal Dierckx claimed Pope John Paul II, 80, who has Parkinson's disease, might step down next year now that he has achieved his dream of leading the Roman Catholic Church into the new millennium. Dierckx was not the first bishop to touch the topic of the Pope's health, which is considered taboo by the church. The Vatican dismissed his statements as "personal opinions."

## New life for old germs

Biologists at West Chester University in Pennsylvania revived bacteria in fluid from a 250-million-year-old salt crystal found deep underground near Carlsbad, N.M. Scientists hope to determine how DNA extracted from the ancient germs, which were brought to life by bathing them in nutrients, differs from that of modern bacteria.

## Dead migrants found in Italy

The bodies of six male illegal migrants, believed to have suffocated in a truck, were found dumped by a roadside in the southern Italian region of Puglia. Since January, Italy has apprehended more than 60,000 illegal immigrants, many from Albania, Turkey and Iraq.



## Lighting the way for the Paralympics

Seven-time gold medalist Louisa Sauvage of Australia lit the flame during the opening ceremony of the Paralympic Games in Sydney. More than 4,000 athletes from 125 countries are taking part in the competition, which will run until Oct. 29 and is being held in the same venues as September's Olympic Games.

## Kostunica pushes Milosevic aside

With the situation still tense nearly three weeks after the election that brought Yugoslav President Vojislav Kostunica to power, former president Slobodan Milosevic appears finally to be giving up. Yugoslavians made up of Serbia and its smaller sister-state, Montenegro, that since most of the power rests with the Serbian government, which is controlled by Milosevic's party. Kostunica had no real power over the police or the courts, both tools of the Milosevic regime.

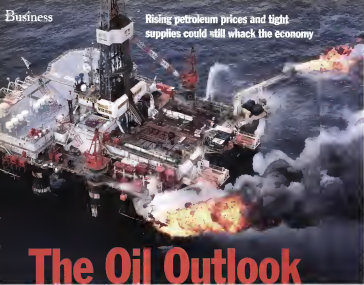
However, after meeting with powerful allies of Milosevic, including secret service chief Rade Markovic, Kostunica said Milosevic's party had agreed to share power until parliamentary elections are held on Dec. 25. It is believed that supporters of Kostunica were prepared to stage massive rallies if the concessions were not made.

Western governments are also pressing Kostunica by promoting peace and And the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe invited Yugoslavians to join the group. Yugoslavians was dropped from the organization in 1992 because of its involvement in the Bosnian war.

## Ebola outbreak in Uganda

The deadly virus that has killed at least 51 people in Uganda since September has been identified as a strain of Ebola last seen in Sudan 24 years ago. Health workers believe that soldiers belonging to the Lord's Resistance Army, a religious sect based in Sudan that is attempting to create a Christian state in Uganda, introduced the disease to the country during their attacks around Gulu, 300 km north of Kampala. Ebola is transmitted through bodily fluids such as saliva and mucus, and about 90 per cent of those infected die of internal hemorrhaging.

## Rising petroleum prices and tight supplies could still whack the economy



# The Oil Outlook

By Patricia Chisholm

**In this year of living** dangerously, many investors have been badly burned as they jumped from sector to sector, trying to match the huge returns of recent years. From one industry, then another, has soared and crashed: technology, chemicals, transportation and, lately, consumer products. Yet at least one Bay Street watcher has done well by diving into a business usually considered fraught with risk: oil and gas. Jeffrey Rubin, chief economist at CIBC World Markets, shifted most of his personal portfolio out of indexed equity funds last February and socked it in oil and gas funds. Since then, the sector has gained about 40 per cent in value, as oil prices continued their steady rise of the past two years, hovering at \$35.75 (U.S.) a barrel last week, up from about \$12 at the end of 1998. "My advice, if you are feeling poor filling up the tank," says Rubin, "is put some of your money into that company's stock."

Oil, it's a simple little word that conjures up a messy mix

of associations, from cheap, plentiful energy to greed, politics and fear. Most of all, though, it is synonymous with uncertainty. Ever since the first, and most devastating, oil shock of the early 1970s, the fortunes of developed nations have been buffeted by prices for a barrel of the black sticky stuff. Oil price spikes in 1973, 1979-1980 and 1990 were followed in every case by punishing recessions. Now, with stock markets getting wacky, economic activity in the United States slowing, winter approaching, and the Middle East teetering on the brink of war, oil-exporting countries are finally waking up to the reality that once again, high oil prices could trigger inflationary pressures and push their economies into a tailspin. "As oil prices spill over into core inflation—non-energy inflation—in Canada and the U.S. is the biggest risk to our softlanding scenario," says George Sarno, an economist at the Royal Bank of Canada in Toronto.

This time, though, it's not OPEC-engineered limits on

supply that are causing most of the problem. With the world stacking up about 75 million barrels a day—the most ever—oil producers have only about two million barrels a day of spare capacity.

"The world has grown complacent about having a consistent supply of cheap oil," says Matthew Juruch, head of energy research for BMO Nesbitt Burns in Calgary. "In the near term, things are very precarious. If Iraq starts down, we'll be in serious trouble."

Years of hoarding global demand as part of the reason for the balance between oil supply and demand, never easy, is rising on a knife edge. At the same time, because prices in the mid-1990s reduced the incentive to look for new, more expensive sources of crude, creating a greater reliance on conventional tools. As a result, oil inventories are extremely low, leading U.S. President Bill Clinton to order the release of 30 million barrels from the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve to alleviate shortages of home-heating oil this winter. "There are always new sources of oil to be found," notes Wolf Gohert, an energy analyst at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Calgary. "But it has much to be said for a defined time frame. It's getting harder to find oil that you can bring on stream in a short period of time."

It's still difficult to predict how an oil-price spike will play out. While excess capacity may be far lower than it was in the past, so, too, is the world's dependence on petroleum. Due to greater efficiency and use of alternatives, the world uses about one third less oil than it did 20 years ago to produce each dollar of global economic output. Then, there is the coming slide in demand. Many reports, including Number 1 Juruch, believe that slowing world economies will take pressure off prices, allowing a barrel of crude to settle within OPEC's target range of \$22 to \$28 (U.S.) in the second half of 2001. And while Middle East tensions are a clear threat to that goal, they are counterbalanced

by the careful growing appreciation for economic stability among all consumers. When prices spiral upward, demand can drop precipitously, sending oil markets into free fall.

And, of course, sharp price hikes tend to provoke a frenzy of new exploration and extraction activity in regions where there are huge, so-called unconventional oil deposits—deep under the ocean floor or trapped in rock and pits. Geologists have conservatively estimated that Africa's oil sands alone hold more oil than all of Saudi Arabia's proven reserves. Even more of a threat for OPEC nations is the snowballing drive towards alternative energy sources, such as gas powered by

## When the pumps run dry

How long can the world's oil last? This table lists a conservative industry view of proven reserves among the 10 top nations and Canada, and calculates when those reserves would run out at current production rates. But industry analysts note that new resources and techniques are constantly expanding supply (reserves in billions of barrels, 1999).

	Reserves	Global share	Years left
Saudi Arabia	263.5	25.5%	88
Iraq	112.5	10.9	109+
United Arab Emirates	97.8	9.4	100+
Kuwait	96.5	9.3	100+
Iran	89.7	8.7	70
Venezuela	72.6	7	65
Russia	68.6	6.7	22
Uganda	29.6	2.9	57
United States	28.6	2.8	10
Mexico	28.4	2.7	25
Canada	0.5	0.7	9.3
Rest of world	139.3	13.4	
Total world	2,033.0	100	GL

Source: BP

electricity or hydrogen fuel cells. The Gulf states, analysts say, would much prefer to sell off their massive reserves at good prices before the world market for oil gas flares.

Yet there is a small group of experts who warn that oil-exporting countries could run smack into a supply wall—the point where demand is greater than production—no later than two years from now, long before alternative oil sources and new technologies kick in to feed the planet's energy habit. The CIBC's Rubin predicts that oil prices will have to hit \$50 (U.S.) by the end of 2002 to put a brake on demand big enough to avoid hitting that wall in the middle of this decade. That figure may not be high by historical standards, he notes, since prices in 1980 reached almost \$90 when calculated in today's dollars. But it would likely be enough to curb usage and, hopefully, spur conservation efforts. "The inside value of gas guzzling, sport utility vehicles is already dropping," Rubin says. Still, he adds, this is the scenario for a national world. "In an international world," he warns, "you can get price spikes much higher."

More caution, however, is the view that demand will slow and new reserves will be found well before tight supplies and prices skyrocketing. Jack Dwyer, a vice-president of the

Canadian Energy Research Institute in Calgary, says other factors, such as growing concerns about climate change, mean that the age of petroleum-powered transportation is in its

last gasp. The next two decades will also see the beginnings of an overall "economic" shift to alternative energy sources, she predicts. The bigger oil companies, like Shell and BP Amoco PLC, are already investing millions to explore new alternatives. BP, for one, has designated the endeavor as one of its core business. Shell has solar-power projects in South Africa and Germany. "We may be getting close to supply peaks, but so what?" says Dwyer. "The demand side is much more interesting and dynamic." It's an attractive vision, a world where the price of a barrel of shiny black goo has no bearing on prosperity, pollution or politics. ■

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## The trouble with the 10th month

### No doubt about it: it's October

This is the month that many investors dread—especially those who have roller-coasters. The major North American markets last week caroled down to lows not seen in months, then turned back in a two-day rally.

What makes October such a tough month, dating to the Great Crash of 1929 and Black Monday in 1987, is often the appearance of poor results from what is typically a slower quarter. This year, a host of tech companies—such as Apple Computer, JDS Uniphase and Dell Computers—have delivered disappointing numbers.

Last week, it was IBM's turn, and again, the markets took a hammering. Both the Dow Jones industrial average and the Toronto Stock Exchange 300 composite index—highly influenced by tech darling Nortel Networks



Inc.—slipped below the psychologically important 10,000 level. Part of the panic was due to fear that slowing sales and rising oil prices could lead to what many brokers called "the R word"—recession. But then, Microsoft, America Online and Nokia announced surlier results and the bulls rallied back—some no doubt deciding that October would be over soon.

## Coming soon: the return of Eatons

**Sears Canada Inc.** is getting up to relaunch seven upmarket (and apocryphical) Eatons stores across Canada during November, with a grand opening plan for Nov. 25. The date was put off two weeks due to delays in renovations, leading some analysts to predict that Sears would lose crucial Christmas-period sales to a year when its results are already disappointing. But Sears, which will stagger openings of the stores it bought after J. Eaton Co. Ltd. went bankrupt last year, said it expects cautious customers to flock in to see the fashion-oriented new look.

### Financial Outlook

**Factories** are running flat out across Canada. In August, they shipped \$45.4 billion worth of goods, up two per cent from the previous month. That is double economists' estimates. The electrical and electronic products industry accounted for half of the increase. Those firms shipped \$4.5 billion worth of products, up nearly 11 per cent from July. Three years ago, the sector was the fifth-largest source of manufactured goods; soon, it is expected to sur-

pass food to take the No. 2 spot.

Though analysts are expecting further manufacturing gains for the rest of the year, forecasts still believe overall economic growth will slow to about 3.4 per cent in 2001 from this year's 4.6 per cent.



### Diamonds aren't forever

**Du Mer Minerals Ltd.**, Canada's only diamond producer, said it was for sale after two key shareholders said they would unload their stock. One was Marlene Finkle, who gained her 26-per-cent stake in a high-profile divorce settlement with company founder Charles Finkle. The other was director Dave Mackenzie, who owns 12 per cent. The most likely potential bidder appeared to be Australian resources giant BHP Ltd., after South Africa's De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd. said it was not interested.

### Trouble @ Home

Thousands of users of the Rogers @Home high-speed Internet cable service are having trouble logging on to the service and using e-mail. RogersCable Inc. said the problem was due in part to night system capacity, which it is expanding, and to hardware problems suffered by its partner, Redwood, Calif.-based At Home Corp. Rogers is fighting a high-profile ad war with Bell Sympatico's telephone-based high-speed service.

### Merging gas pumps

Chevron Corp., the No. 2 U.S. oil company, said it would buy third-ranked Tosco Inc. for \$51 billion in stock to create the world's fourth-largest energy company. The proposed Chevron-Tosco Corp. deal will face up to a year of review by regulators.

### Bre-X no-show

Everyone showed up except the defendant at the trial begun of John Feldhofer, chief geologist of defunct Bre-X Minerals Ltd. Feldhofer moved to a luxurious spread in the Cayman Islands after Bre-X claims of a major gold find in Indonesia's Borneo were revealed to be a massive hoax. In Toronto, his lawyers challenged the Ontario Securities Commission charges on constitutional grounds.

### Nutrition labels coming

Ontario proposed new rules requiring clearer, American-style lists of nutritional components—calories, fat, etc.—on food-product labels. The changes would take effect next year.

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## Tech

# A scooter roadblock

Adults using motorized versions of the kid favourite are zipping around in legal limbo

Claude Rousseau had expected to buy the Zappy, a cute, colorful scooter powered by a peppy electric motor. After all, it was a natural step up from the push scooters that are fast becoming the biggest fad to hit the preteen market since Pabstman. But Rousseau, director of operations for Montreal-based Zap Québec Inc., found his customers to be predominantly in their 40s, looking for alternative transportation. Soon launching the company with a partner late July, Rousseau says he has sold about 500 electric scooters across Canada, seeking for a pretty solid \$995 apiece.

There is just one significant problem for the grown-ups: Transport Canada opposes the use of motorized scooters on public roads, and British Columbia, for one, has banned them—whether electric or gas-powered—from its roadways. Other provinces have yet to decide what to do about the speedy scooters, leaving them and their owners in a legal limbo. Rousseau says he wants to name that driving the scooters on roads, sidewalks and bicycle paths is illegal in Canada, but admits it's the same beach promotes them as good for commuting. "We're actually encouraging commuters," says Rousseau. "To go on the road to fight the issue."

It is, at the moment, a buyer-bevise market. Transport Canada requires motorized scooters to be affixed with a permanent label stating they are not to be used on public roads. It falls to the provinces, however, to make the final decision on where they can be driven, which few have done. Vendors like Rousseau are lobbying Ottawa and the

provinces to permit motorized scooters to share the road with cars, arguing they make environmental and financial sense. But Tim Lewinson, executive director of the Electric Vehicle Association of Canada, an industry trade group whose members include Ford Motor Co., General Motors and various unions, says consumers might be better off waiting for the legal fog to clear before spending good money on a scooter they may not be able to use where they would like. "Honestly," says Lewinson, "I would want to go now."

Yet vendors say the weather remains hot, even as the weather turns colder. Zappy (the Zero Air Pollution), made by ZapWorld.com, based in Sebast-



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opol, Calif., has logged 30,000 sales worldwide since 1995. Reaching a maximum speed of 21 km/h, the 17-kg kick-driven scooter takes six to eight hours to fully charge in a 12-volt battery, which depending on terrain and weight of the driver, is good for about 15 km. The handle folds down, allowing owners to fit it in the trunk of a car. Other brands include the ET-101 electric micro-scooter and MIT-3 gas-powered scooter distributed by Target Marketing Corp. in Oakville, Ont., as well as the battery-powered Swap, distributed by Montreal-based Earth-change Technologies.

Just how many of these scooters have entered Canada is difficult to estimate because Statistics Canada lumps them in with mopeds and motorcycles with engine less than 50 cc. Still, the numbers offer some limited insight into the market. In 1996, Canada imported al-

## A Transport official says there has been a notable increase in scooter imports—and injuries

most 2,600 scooters, mopeds and small motorcycles, but in the first six months of this year alone, more than 4,200 units entered the country. Russel Regan, Transport Canada's chief vehicle-import watcher, has noticed a dramatic increase in the number of scooters entering the country, coupled with more people being hurt. "We're hearing anecdotal information at this stage," says Regan. "The number of injuries resulting from these have gone up, but we're still waiting for firm data."

As the market grows, legislators will be faced with the task. For Rousseau in Montreal, banning powered scooters from public roads is similar to efforts made to restrict automobile use in the town of the century when lead smelter fumes choked the town. He argues that in-line skis, another alternative mode of transportation, were also banned before their widespread acceptance. "Try making it safe for you to go in-line skating on bicycle paths," says Rousseau. "Come out People will laugh at you." Rousseau, however, markets electric scooters, it may be hard to make the same arguments about the load—and usually—gas-burning version. As debate rages, authorities will have to react quickly to get ahead of the users springing around Canada's streets.

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## Surviving with Crusoe

**Update:** Transmeta Corp. of Santa Clara, Calif., is giving Intel Corp., the world-leading chip maker, a run for its money. The company's latest coup came with the announcement that NEC Corp. will install Transmeta's groundbreaking Crusoe microprocessor in future NEC laptops. Along with NEC, Transmeta—whose team includes legendary Linux software developer Linus Torvalds—now has similar deals with Sony Corp. and Fujitsu Ltd., giving the company supply contracts with Japan's top three notebook manufacturers.

The Crusoe, unveiled last January, uses less electricity than conventional chips, claiming to double battery life while radiating less heat. Sony uses Crusoe-chip technology in its \$4,200 Vao GT laptop. Unveiled last week, the Vao GT's battery lasts up to 17 hours. The notebook, currently available only in Japan, includes a swivelling video camera and is designed to send live video over the Internet.

### Cool Sites

## Mathletics

One way to make math more interesting to sports-loving children could be a visit to Mathletics, a site designed to teach kids how math applies to sport. At the somewhat unimpeccable address of [www.mathletics.edu.au](http://www.mathletics.edu.au) (note the .edu), parents, teachers and children are shown how to calculate the number of hits a player needs for a certain batting average or how many bowling pins must be knocked down in the last two frames of a game to win.



Sony's Vao GT laptop: up to 17 hours of battery life

## Chipped tooth

It is not unusual for police to use dental records to identify an unknown corpse. But what if the person has no teeth? Hisashi Kohigama, a Japanese dentist, might have a solution. Kohigama holds U.S. and Japanese patents for a microchip embedded in fake teeth. A radio device detects data within the chip to identify the owner. Kohigama originally designed the chip for senior homes, where dentures are unnecessary collected after meals for cleaning. The chip helps staff return the dental plates to their owners.

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Education

# Swing Shift

By D'Arcy Jenish

**Laura Weaver** deftly arranges cheese and pepperoni toppings on a pizza, slices it into a neatly even, then turns to the lineup of youngsters waiting at the counter to place their orders. It's a busy Friday night at the Iniquitous Park Sports Centre in Wharfedale, Ont., with hockey games or practices on all six ice surfaces. And for Weaver, now in Grade 12, it is the end of a typically hectic week juggling her studies and her job at the Intermissions snack bar. The 17-year-old handles a full course load, coaches a girls' volleyball team and works up to 25 hours weekly. Her point of pride? She has bought a used car—a 1986 Celebrity—and has socked away close to \$5,000 for university. But Weaver, who has her heart set on studying environmental science at either Queen's, McMaster or Lakehead universities, admits that her savings will make only a small dent in the total bill. "I know my education is going to cost a lot more than I've saved."

**With rising tuition, more students are mixing earning with learning**

Like many of her peers, Weaver has been well educated on the cost of going to university. Undergraduate arts students now pay an average of \$5,380 in tuition—an increase of 1.25 per cent in a decade. Those who leave home to go to university face an annual cost of \$10,000 to \$15,000. Little wonder that high-school students face increased pressure to save for postsecondary education. According to Statistics Canada,

close to a third of Canadians aged 15 to 19 worked part time last year, with the number rising for the second year in a row. Working students have become a permanent part of the academic landscape. Last year, the Canadian Undergraduate Survey Consortium, a joint research project involving 25 universities, reported that 50 per cent of the students who responded to a questionnaire said they were working an average of 18 hours per week. The survey also revealed that another 13.5 per cent were seeking work. "Students have a

*whole new ethic,"* says Peter Duerck, director of enrolment services at the University of Manitoba. "It's a fairly serious approach to life and education."

Many educators fear that low-wage part-time jobs—flipping burgers, washing dishes or working at a check-out counter—may compromise a student's academic performance. Bill Guernsey, a guidance counsellor at Chesmere High School near Calgary, warns: "It's far easier to pay off a loan when you're earning \$30 an hour after graduation than it is to save when you're earning \$5 an hour." But Betty Nicholson-Smith, a guidance counsellor at Kings County Academy in Kennebunk, N.S., has a hard time dissuading her students from working. At the moment, 34 of the 66 students in her school's graduating class have part-time jobs. "I have to talk to them about balance, and eliminating things from their schedules," says Nicholson-Smith. "But it's hard when they're right about the costs."

Most experts agree that working up to 20 hours a week has little or no impact on academic achievement. But in a study last year, Statistics Canada found that of those students working more than 20 hours a week in their first year of high school, only 27 per cent went on to postsecondary studies. By comparison, 45 per cent of those who worked less than 20 hours, or not at all, moved on.

Research at the university level has yielded similar results. In 1993, Paul Grayson, an associate dean at Toronto's York University, surveyed the relationship between work and academic performance. The results, culled from 1,848 respondents,

## ON-THE-JOB EXPERIENCE

Part-time employment rates among 15-to-19-year-olds



revealed that those who worked one to eight hours a week obtained marginally better grades than those who did not work. Students employed more than 16 hours a week earned the same marks as the ones who were unemployed. Only at 17 hours or more did grades begin to decline. "Work is a bad off-set, it's not harmful," says Grayson. "Kids can figure away a lot of hours doing nothing. If they're organized and working, they may spend less time watching TV. It doesn't mean they'll spend less time on their studies."

Some students have discovered that paying for their own education brings big sacrifices, and tough choices. Erin Stark, an 18-year-old Bedford, N.S., student is living at home while taking a fine-arts program at Saint Mary's University in Halifax. Given the combined income of her parents, both of whom are government employees, she does not qualify for the provincial student-aid program. In her Grade 12 year, Stark worked at a local Dairy Queen, continuing there six days a week last summer. She earned \$3.60 an hour, and managed to save \$3,390—a significant sum but not enough to cover her \$4,620 tuition bill. As a result, she is continuing at the Dairy Queen, up to 24 hours a week. "You don't have time to relax, ever," says Stark. "You get used to being constantly tired. You don't enjoy the money because it goes towards education. My last paycheck was spent on a Greek mythology textbook."

For many students, the prospect of university has given them their first taste of financial planning. Nick Bishop, an 18-year-old student at Fredericton Secondary School in Kingston, Ont., hopes to study geology at the University of Waterloo in Waterloo, Ont., next year. He and his father, David, a police officer, have calculated that his first year will cost \$12,500, and have decided that Nick will come up with \$4,000. For the past 16 months, he has worked up to 25 hours per week at the check-out counter of a Jumbo Video outlet, saving \$2,500 in the process. Says Bishop: "All my paychecks go straight to my bank account."

While part-time work may teach students how to become big earners, some education worry that many are as likely to become big spenders. "I don't sense that a lot of saving is taking place," says Bob Sipos, a guidance counsellor at Lauren Hill Academy, a suburban Montreal high school. "These kids are spending a lot of money typically on entertainment, and ways way more than a parental allowance would permit." George Sarasonides, principal at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School in Langford, Ont., says a large majority of his Grade 12 and 13 students hold



Weaver: "My education is going to cost a lot more than I've saved."



Pushkarna studying a part-time job, a clerk at a scholarship.

## Education

### Studies show grades begin to suffer after more than 20 hours of work a week

down one or two jobs, but many lack the self-discipline required to save. "An awful lot of their money goes into cars," says Samuels. "It's sort of a standing joke around here that there are more BMWs and other high-end vehicles in the student parking lot than the staff lot."

Calgary student Shawn Sandhu, 17, now in his final year at Sir Winston Churchill High School, is taking a disciplined approach. Sandhu plans to study either computer programming at Mount Royal College in Calgary or aviation technology at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, both of which cost about \$8,900 over two years. He is also studying for his pilot's license, which would be an asset for airlines. Until recently, Sandhu was working about 15 hours weekly at a Dairy Queen, earning \$5.90 per hour, but he has switched to a new job at Toys "R" Us, which pays \$6.65 hourly. He earns more than 75 per cent of his earnings over to his mother, who invests the money in bonds. "Working part time is good for the money and the experience," says Sandhu. "But if it interferes with your schoolwork, you should quit."

Especially if it means the loss of a scholarship opportunity. Sangeer Pushkarna, a 17-year-old student at Kings County Academy, worked for three months last year as a clerk at a Sobeys supermarket and delivered newspapers before school. He also played soccer, hockey, volleyball and basketball, served on the student council and maintained an average in the mid 90s. Recalls Pushkarna: "I'd run home from school, run

to work, work until 10 or 11 at night, study till sleep, then be up at 6 a.m. to do my papers."

Pushkarna finally gave up the supermarket job, hoping to compensate for the lost income by winning a scholarship. That may prove to be a wise choice given the proliferation of awards created in recent years by universities, governments, companies and charitable organizations. Merit awards are small—less than \$500—and are given on the basis of need, community service and leadership abilities as well as academic performance. But most institutions offer a number of valuable scholarships for elite students. Competition for these awards is very stiff, says Ron Chubbuck, director of major awards at the University of Alberta. "A drop of one-tenth of a per cent in a student's average," he adds, "can make a difference of thousands of dollars. No doubt about it."

But for those who can juggle work and studies, the experience can prove invaluable. At 24, Calgary Laura Lucas has 10 years of full- and part-time employment behind her. She has worked in coffee shops and retail outlets, and as a volunteer with the city's parks and recreation department. During the school year, she worked as many as 20 hours a week, and 60 during the summer. She earned a bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of Calgary and a diploma in environmental technology from Mount Royal College, and now works as an investor relations co-ordinator for a local mining company, Uranium Minerals Inc. Lucas says she learned how to manage time and money as a working student, and began to develop the personal skills required to deal with colleagues and supervisors. "I feel sorry for the kids who never worked," says Lucas. "I got paid so much experience at a coffee shop as I did at school."

Wendy Sherris Aldenhead in Halifax, Brenda Brewster in Montreal and Debbie Treps in Calgary

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# All in the family

It's not surprising that Peter Reid asked Len Bowden to marry him. After all, the couple had been living together in Victoria for six months and dating on and off for three years. But Reid wanted to be absolutely sure "I needed to know we would be financially secure and that I had a career," he explains. For Reid, who was an up-and-coming marathon like Bowden, that meant winning a race—which finally happened in 1996, in Perth, Australia. Still stalking from her roommates, he sat down beside her and asked: At the time, Bowden was lying dehydrated after her own race, with an IV in her arm. She didn't believe him. "He'd been saying he had to win a race. Then both of us had to," recalls Bowden. "It took a month for it to sink in."

Since then, Reid and Bowden have not only wed, but have become two of the world's most decorated athletes as the grueling ironman. Four times as long as the marathon, which made its debut at the recent Sydney Olympics, the triathlon involves a 5.4-km swim, a 180.2-km bike ride and a 42.2-km run. The sport's world championships are held each year in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, and for the past three years Reid and Bowden have alternated first- and second-place finishes. On Oct. 14, Reid won the men's competition, while Bowden took second in the women's, both of them cheered on by their friend Simon Whitfield. Although Whitfield's soaring Olympic triumph made him a household name, within the triathlon community Reid, 31, and Bowden, 33, inspire just as much awe—and the unofficial title of "the first couple in the world."

## Husband and wife triathletes dominate the ironman race

The nickname, says Bowden, "sort of grew on me. Now before a race, I think we have to do well or else we won't be called it anymore."

Their relationship, naturally, was born on a race course, after taking up



*Bowden in Hawaii: a victorious Reid (right), the first couple in the world*

marathon in their early 20s. The Montreal-born Reid, who had a background in cycling, entered his first race at a friends urging. Bowden, a former cross-country runner from Toronto, started the sport with her parents. In 1993, they were competing in Olympic-length marathons—a 1.5-km swim, 40-km bike ride and 10-km run—and were invited to an ironman race in Japan. They

had never met. "I hadn't even heard of her," says Reid, chuckling. "So I thought she can't be that good. Later, I found out she thought she was doing about as well." They easily claimed the men's and women's titles in Japan. But winning each other's hearts was harder. For three years, their romance blossomed during the racing season, but faded in the winters when they lived in separate cities.

That changed in 1996. The year before, Reid had earned a place in the top 5 in ironman races and had moved to Victoria to train. He invited Bowden to come along. Lured by the image of mild



weather and a year-long outdoor training program, Bowden accepted, arriving in the middle of a snowstorm. "People kept telling me this never happens," she says. "I just looked at the snowbanks slier than my hair and thought, 'Oh no.'"

The snow melted, as did any doubts the two had about each other. "Every time, we were together," says Bowden, "it just got better and better." So did their professional fortunes: Reid's triumph in Hawaii earned him \$100,000 (U.S.). Bowden walked away with \$25,000 for her second-place finish. Between them, they have a number of sponsorship agreements. They also host a two-hour Sunday-night Internet talk show, bringing on guests like Whitfield and offering tips on diet and exercise. "We don't meet together," says Bowden. "In the mornings, we head off in separate directions." Adds Reid: "We're really like any other couple who work different jobs from one to five."

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## Health

# An ounce of prevention for the flu season



Nurse Susan Crothers administers a Toronto shelter resident's fears of an epidemic

**Early next week**, public-health nurses in yellow jackets will fan out in Vancouver's bleak Downtown Eastside to launch an annual campaign against the influenza virus among the city's down and out. Aided by about 40 community volunteers, they expect to vaccinate about 9,000 of the city's poor in a five-week blitz. In the weeks ahead, Canada's privileged and underprivileged alike will consider the wisdom of a shot in the arm to avoid the fatigue and fever, the chills, cough and aches and the potentially more

**Programs  
target 'high-  
risk' groups for  
vaccination**

dire—occasionally fatal—complications associated with a flu infection this winter. Welcome to Flu Week 2000, the escalating battle against a childhood-like virus that will attack some six million Canadians—and kill as many as 1,300—between November and April.

In Toronto, public-health nurses are already conducting flu vaccine clinics at 31

city shelters. The homeless are considered "high risk" for complications from influenza, says Toronto immunization program manager Jana Moscon. So are senior citizens from every walk of life, residents of long-term care facilities and people of any age with chronic medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes and heart problems. And in a world that is increasingly mobile and urban, experts say a flu shot is a good idea for almost everyone. Overall, health officials consider the vaccine to be 70- to 85-per-cent effective in preventing flu. Among those who succumb even after a vaccination, it generally reduces the severity of symptoms.

Flu vaccine has been around since the late 1930s, but only in the past few years have Canadians lined up in huge numbers for the seasonal shot—5.3 million last year. "There's a growing awareness of the speed with which these flu strains can

move around the world," says Randall Chase, senior vice-president of vaccine operations for BioChem Pharma Inc. in Laval, Que., the only Canadian manufacturer of the vaccine. Chase anticipates a "fairly normal" flu season this year.

That means the disease would set back to 25 per cent of Canadians by spring. Influenza viruses change slightly every year—a process known as viral drift. This year's model of the vaccine, identified by the World Health Organization, contains dead particles of three strains of flu from last year—known as New Caledonia A, Panama A and Yamanashi B. Panama A proved particularly difficult to grow, raising the possibility of vaccine shortages. But Chase says BioChem Pharma produced its vaccine on time and Canadian supplies are assured.

For business and government, keeping people on the job and out of overcrowded emergency rooms can save money. In Canada, BioChem Pharma estimates the annual cost of influenza at more than \$1 billion. This year, Ontario became the first jurisdiction in North America to offer a universal publicly funded vaccine program. The province will spend \$34 million for 7.9 million doses—enough to cover most high-risk groups and others likely to take advantage of the program. Every other province and territory except Prince Edward Island offers free flu shots to all or most of the high-risk groups. Everyone else has to pay—from \$10 to \$15 per dose. With the caveat of people considered high risk over-riding, free coverage may expand in some jurisdictions to include essential service workers, travellers making trips abroad and health-care employees.

But not everyone is a fan of the vaccination. Critics point to evidence of lower effectiveness among the elderly and to the flu-like symptoms that some recipients feel within 48 hours of inoculation. Some even warn that the vaccine itself can cause the flu—a claim experts categorically reject. Dr. Colin D'Arcy, Ontario's chief medical officer of health, says vaccination programs are cheaper than letting people get sick, cheaper than vitamins and supplements to ward off the virus, and certainly cheaper than a prescription for one of

the symptom-relieving drugs—Relestat and Tamiflu—currently on the market. The "shot on the cake" from expanded vaccination programs, D'Arcy says, is increased resistance to protect a massive new immunization in the event a deadlier form of flu virus hits. "It's not a question of if this will happen, but when," says Chase. There were three worldwide flu epidemics—or

pandemics—in the 20th century. The last was in 1968 when the Hong Kong flu killed more than 34,000 in North America alone. For those hit by the relatively milder strains this winter, the advice remains the same: get lots of rest, drink plenty of fluids, stay away from people in high-risk groups. And consider a flu shot next year.

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# Gaily prime time

Homosexual characters are cropping up all over the tube

In one episode of her long-running sitcom, Roseanne found her husband, Dan, in bed with another man. Of course, the audience knew it was a practical joke—it was impossible to imagine the stereotypically hetero Dan, played by bulky actor John Goodman, losing a guy. But forward as you to the debut of *Normal, Ohio*, starring Goodman. This time it's not a joke but the premise of TV's newest show with a gay lead—only the third such actor in network history. In the opening episode, airing Nov. 11 on Global, Bazzi, who left his wife and son four years ago to come out in Los Angeles, returns home to Normal to celebrate his son's acceptance into medical school. Although he is assisted by the comic ignorance of his small-town family, he decides to stay.

When Goodman takes what is reasonably the lovable but loudly beer-drinking, TV-watching character from *Roseanne* and adds to it a vast knowledge of show tunes, there is no doubt that the landscape of television is changing. Since the 1970s, the tube has dabbled with gay supporting characters (including those played by Billy Crystal on *Soap*, Martin Mull and Sandra Bernhard on *Roseanne*, and Doug Seamon on *Milner Place*), but there have never before been so many—and such positive—gay leads. There are gay teens on *Dawson's Creek* and *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, lesbian parents on *Friends*, lesbian doctors and nannies on *ER*, a gay black political aide on *Spin* City, a gay million-dollar winner on *Survivor*. There's even a gay dog on *South Park*.

Ellen DeGeneres paved the way in 1997, when she came out in the media and then out on her own sitcoms. But after *Ellen* was cancelled the following season—on ratings, it



had dropped, arguably because it had sacrificed humor for political correctness—openly gay leads no longer seemed appealing. Then came *Will & Grace*. In two seasons, the well-written sitcom about a gay man, played by Canadian lile McCormack, and his straight female boyfriend, portrayed by Debra Messing, has won 12 million viewers (2.5 million in Canada), two Emmys for an outstanding supporting cast, and the coveted Thursday, 9 p.m. time slot on NBC. In *Grace* his car-

McCormack, Hayes, Goodman and Seamon, likely Father (right) hold



ried gay shows back into the network's field focus—CBS alone has two more series with gay leads in development. "Television is a mirror of society," says Doug Hoozer, vice-president of programming at Global Television, "and society sets the standards, not TV."

The uneven proportion of gay rights in society explains the lingering areas of gay representation on television. The 13 gay lead or supporting characters currently on television (as counted by Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) is a considerably larger number than the openly gay actors with ongoing TV roles. The casting of married men McCormack and Goodman to play gay characters suggests that networks believe viewers still aren't comfortable with real gay men. And Sean Hayes, who plays the gayest character on TV—Jack from *Will & Grace*—won't even discuss his sexuality.

When it comes to plot lines, there are more long-term gay male relationships on TV than committed lesbian couples—lesbianism is often portrayed as a phase. But two women living a considered trifling and so shown more often than two men locking lips. That helps explain why *Will* has been culture for the past two seasons. "The creation of *Will & Grace* said they wanted this show to be enjoyed by millions of people, gay and straight, and not be some secret gay cult show," says McCormack. "And that doesn't happen if you start pushing people's buttons too early. I think now we have earned the right to show deeper gay themes."

Meanwhile, over in *Normal, Ohio*, husband and wife sitcom creation Barry and Roseanne Turner have taken the bold move of making Goodman's character sexually active right off the bat. Bazzi comes back from L.A., talking about how he's had a therapist and dated a straight guy. "We'll keep it as subtle as a little quacker than *Will & Grace*," says Bonnie Turner. "But we will deal with the intimacy and not the sensationalism." Ultimately, the Turners hope to show that people like Bazzi are perfectly normal—in Ohio or anywhere else.

Shonda Dool

## Films

# Ebony and irony

Director Spike Lee concocts a nervy satire from the stereotyping of African-American entertainers

By Brian D. Johnson

Spike Lee likes to take risks. Whether championing his beloved New York Knicks from behind the bench or making a polemic on the end of *Malibu X*, he's a person who cannot resist rubbing it in—often offending critics who admire his prodigious talent but find him too dense. So when you meet Lee, even for the third time, it's always a bit of a shock that this outspoken filmmaker is so shy and soft-spoken in person. Interviewing him can be a daunting business—the last time we talked, he rambled one-hour answers while watching a basketball game. But as he sat down to discuss *Bamboozled*, the 42-year-old director was at his best: humorous, forthright, and he knew work is such a rough sell. "Everyone said it was uncommercial, too risky," he sighs.

Steering on video, with a so-fallible look that lacks his usual verve, Lee tackles his central obsession—race—head on. *Bamboozled* is a nervy satire about a TV network that scores a ratings coup with a retro minstrel show featuring performers in blackface. Darren Whynes stars as TV writer Pierre Delacroix, a Harvard-educated African-American who is under pressure to come up with a hit. Like the impressionists who mount *Springtime for Hitler* in the *The Producers*, Delacroix latches on to an outrageous idea he expects to be fired. Casting a pair of black bushes (Samuel Glover and Timmy Davidson), he creates a variety show reviving Hollywood's most shameful traditions of racial stereotyping, a mock revue of op-edding "coons" and "Molotov punch monies." To his surprise, the show acquires a campy cachet and is a hit.

Lee's script pays open homage to its influences, most obviously *Notre-Dame* (at one point Glover's character asks TV viewers to go to their windows and tell

"I'm sick and tired of being a nigger and I'm not going to take it anymore.") The satire is too pompous to be laugh-out-loud funny, but it's lethally effective, at least until the final act—when the director downshifts to serious drama with a grinding of gears, and stalls the momentum. Sure, works like which is efficient and ruthless, outliving its Swiftian premise, *Bamboozled* goes on too long (more than two hours), and its characters collapse under a dramatic weight they were not designed to bear.

But Lee wanted to make sure his satire was not too entertaining for its own good. "I was aware that we were playing with dynamite and that can make me nervous," he says. "The risk was doing what Delacroix did: I didn't want to make a modern-day version of *Amos and Andy*. I didn't want to be guilty of trivializing the subject matter."

There seems to be little danger of that. The movie has more giddy moments—from a "Tommy Hoffinger" gag to



Lee, scene from *Bamboozled* (below): "I'm sure playing with dynamite"

Michael Rapaport's free-talking portrayal of a white network executive who uses "nigger" as a term of endearment. But *Bamboozled*, which takes its title from a speech by Malcolm X, offers more horror than humor. The film includes chilling glimpses of antique collectibles such as a "Jolly Nigger" piggy bank. And Lee believes the stereotypes are still deeply ingrained. "You do not have to wear a blackface today to be a minstrel act," he says, pointing to "a lot of the gangsta rapers, and a lot of what you see on television."

The most devastating sequence in *Bamboozled* is its final montage, a kaleidoscope of TV and film clips rolling through a history of black stereotypes. When it suggests that it could be a parody of Chuck Workman's Oscar montages, Lee lights up. "No one has pointed that out, but I was definitely thinking of that. Every year they call me—'Can we use *Do the Right Thing*?'—and they show us images of Mos Def throwing the garbage can through the windows. They have to be PC, so they use a little Eddie Murphy, a little Whoopi, a clip of Denzel getting whipped in *Gleason*. But they leave a lot out. The stuff that they would never run, that's the stuff I put in."

Just don't expect a nomination. ■



## Future complex

Five years into the eight-year odyssey that was the writing of *The Ingenuity Gap*, Thomas (Tad) Homer-Dixon found himself overwhelmed by the complexity of his project. So he did what he does very well in his intricately argued book about the problems facing global civilization: He paused to take stock, and to break his intractable mass of data into manageable bits. The University of Toronto political scientist

**Tad Homer-Dixon confronts the gap between global problems and solutions**

calculated that he had accumulated more than 100 km of paper in his small home office. Materials for the first third of the book alone filled 35 banker's boxes. "I'm living the problem I'm describing," Homer-Dixon despairingly told his colleagues at KnapCameron, before screaming up the personal ingenuity to cope, by dividing his narrative into three more workable strands—demographic, geographical and metaphysical.

It's a good thing he persevered, because Homer-Dixon is one of the few people on the planet who could have tackled what he defines as the world's overriding issue: the yawning, "ingenuity" gap between the need for practical solutions to complex problems, from global warming, to Third World

poverty, and the actual supply of workable ideas. For most of the past decade, the 44-year-old director of U of T's Peace and Conflict Studies program has combined demographics, economics, and environmental and military conflict analysis with an eye to making sense of various crises around the world. Homer-Dixon's pioneering work has brought him to the attention of policy-makers in the United States,

where he has twice briefed Vice-President Al Gore, and Canada, where he interrupted his book tour last week for a 90-minute discussion with Privy Council Office staff in Ottawa.

*The Ingenuity Gap* ranges over the world, discussing the barriers—mostly economic and political—that prevent humanity from dealing effectively with its vital concerns. Homer-Dixon does a superb job in one of his primary aims, "making complexity simple enough to understand." Much of his attention is focused on the great natural systems that allow life on the planet to flourish. Time and again he interviews experts who are just beginning to learn how little they know. Scientists, for example, now see their goal of accurate earthquake predic-

*The author: untangling some of nature's world crises*

diction—widely believed 20 years ago to be lying almost within their grasp—resolving the more they learn about the factors involved.

Climate is another favourite example. Columbia University geochemist Wally Broecker points out that there have been abrupt climate changes before, the result of previous "monsters" eruptions. It is entirely possible, is Broecker's view, that incipient global warming will cause the main North Atlantic current to shut down and plunge Europe into a Siberian-style climate. Or maybe it won't. Broecker's point—and Homer-Dixon's, too—is simply that we don't know, but continue to act as though we do. "Climate is an angry beast, and we are poking it with sticks."

The core argument of *The Ingenuity Gap* is that there is considerable reason, given the number and nature of environmental "incidents" humanity is inflicting on the planet, to expect that global systems will not always carry on as before. That conclusion puts the name of Prospect Lake, near Victoria, the only child of an arctic mother and a foster father, as odd with crucial aspects of Western thinking. Homer-Dixon argues that economic optimism, those who think market signals and technological will guide the world safely through any future shocks, are dangerous. They leave the ear of governments, he notes, and their influence helps keep humanity on a collision course with nature.

Despite considerable convergence in their diagnoses, Homer-Dixon also parts company with those he considers environmental pessimists. "I'm fed up with being labelled a doomseer," he says. "Why separate me from them at that? I'm pretty engaged with human beings, their creativity and adaptability. I emphasize technical solutions." But Homer-Dixon acknowledges that the questions and solutions he raises are "ultimately spiritual." A profound change in attitude, he says, from anthropocentric towards natural systems is a more humble assurance of "our strengths, weaknesses and ignorance" would go a long way to bridging the ingenuity gap.

Brian Beshare

## Books

# Lessons of Uncle Sam

**Two authors explore Canadians' fixation on their southern neighbour**

If Americans can teach Canadians anything, says Lauer, it's that we should avoid becoming them.

Of the two, Simpson makes the more convincing case, even if his reach is more modest. A respected columnist at the *Globe and Mail*, Simpson like Canadians who chose to pursue their dreams in the United States make his case. He conducted 250 interviews with expatriates of every stripe, from nuns to high-tech engineers, entrepreneurs to environmentalists, scientists to educators, and chose star-spangled Canadians to talk openly and glowingly of their adopted country. In most cases, there is no bitterness for the nation they left behind. In fact, the vast majority of expats expected to return. Having succeeded in their new country and established roots there, they find the prospect of going back

home too wrenching. Surprisingly, however, the idea of being Canadian, a concept that is as difficult for expats to pin down as it is for stay-at-homes, continues to hold a mysterious place in their hearts. Of Canadians who emigrated in 1977, only 18 per cent had taken out U.S. citizenship 18 years later, a remarkable statistic considering that they could have done so without turning in their Canadian passports.

Why did they leave then? Their testimony offers little solace to those who argue that reducing Canadian taxes would stop the brain drain. Tax rates were a minor factor. Higher salaries, certainly, but often not decisively. Almost exclusively, expats point to greater opportunities south of the border. Many were aggressively courted by American recruiters after they graduated from Canadian universities, whereas at home they

Since the formation of the United States, Canadians' fixation on their southern neighbour has been unending. It's bigger than us, more aggressive, more confident, more beautiful and, at least some of us feel, just plain better. Our preoccupation has been so all-encompassing, argue two recent additions to the mountain of books exploring the uneven relationship—tellingly, most of them by Canadians—that we risk losing sight of what makes Canada unique and worth celebrating.

Such is the common terrain explored by Jeffrey Simpson and James Lauer in, respectively, *Star-Spangled Canadians: Canadian Living the American Dream* (HarperCollins, 391 pages, \$35) and *Stalking the Elephant: My Discovery of America* (Viking, 312 pages, \$32). But that's where the two authors diverge, both in their manner of reporting and their conclusions. For the New York City-born Simpson, who became an accidental Canadian at age 9 when his family was uprooted to Montreal, America is not so much to be feared as studied. There is a reason 660,000 Canadians currently call the United States home, and discovering the nature of that irresistible pull could provide clues for preventing the so-called brain drain, which Simpson maintains is a serious problem for Canada's future prosperity. Lauer, a political science professor at York University, is more true to politics than strict journalism. He looks at the United States and finds nothing but ugly wars.



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## Books

encountered closed doors or rigid resistance. Once in the United States, their career arc was limited only by their abilities. Peter Jennings, the now-deceased news anchor, is a case in point. He recalls that in the early 1980s, already an established foreign correspondent for ABC News, he sought to return to Canada and talked to a CBC executive, who promised to get back to him the next day. He got that call 11 months later, by which time he had signed a new contract with ABC. Simpson contends that the Jennings of the future will likely continue to choose the more populous, more economically healthful country to the south. But governments should at least try to keep as many as possible here, he argues, through increased funding for research, innovation and cultural industries.

When Lacer looks south, he doesn't so much see a nation that can teach Canada a lesson or two about building a world-beating economy, but a menacing presence. In his journey through the heart of America's darkness, he finds rampant crime, racism, inequality and unbridled greed. If Canadians don't learn to laud America's history, they are doomed to live it in the future, he warns.

But *Swallow the Elephant* lacks the breadth and extensive research to make the apocalyptic vision ring true. Instead, the reader is treated to an interesting but familiar tour of America's 48—the Michigan Mafia, the gun culture, the killing of abortion doctors, Texas executions, school massacres, rampant conservatism, crumbling inner cities, the winner-take-all ethos that, according to Lacer, drives "losers" to suicide. Even the simple act of eating Buffalo chicken wings results in another meeting to "smoke weed" to scrub "the stain" from his flagon, as if mere exposure to American society leaves the innocent Canadian feeling dirty. However, the testimony of Simpson's capsn suggests the ugly American is harder to find than Lacer would have us believe.

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Season the venison with salt and pepper. Toss in the flour to lightly coat the meat. In a thick-bottomed pan, melt the butter and oil over medium-high heat. Sear the venison on all sides to a dark brown. Remove meat from pan. Add more oil to the pan and brown well. Deglaze the pan with 1/2 the wine and reduce in a glaze. Deglaze the pan a second time with the rest of the wine and reduce by half. Add the venison, sausage, carrot, garlic and onion, bring back to the pot and cook.

**Note:** this dish may be done ahead of time, and removed from oven after about an hour. Refrigerate until ready to serve, then heat in moderate oven for another 30-45 minutes or until tender.

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1 TSP	FRESH BLU'S PEPPER	18c1
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Trim the duck legs of excess fat. Wash and dry the legs and sprinkle with the salt, pepper, thyme, bay leaf and garlic. Refrigerate covered overnight. Blot the duck legs and dry them off. In a thick-bottomed pan, sear the legs to colour and crisp the skin. Pour the rendered fat over the legs to cover and heat to 325°F (165°C). Cook in a preheated 325°F (165°C) oven for approximately 1 hour 15 minutes. Remove the legs from the fat, and crisp in the oven for 30 minutes.

Any leftover legs can be left at their own, let and kept in the fridge for 1 month or more. Serve with roasted radish and Sevey cabbage. *Wine suggestion: California Pinot Noir*

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## Tom's new life as Ed

As an actor familiar with the rigors of show business, Tom Cavanagh didn't know how viewers would react to *Ed*, the much-hyped new NBC television series in which he has the starring role.

"The only thing we can really control is the quality of the stuff that we put on screen," the Ottawa-born Cavanagh told *Metweek* a few days before the Oct. 8 premiere. So far, viewers appear enraptured with the romantic comedy, which critics had as one of the best new shows of the season—and which received the highest ratings for the premiere of any NBC Sunday series in six years. Cavanagh plays lawyer Ed Stevens, who moves from New York City back to his home town of South-Cityville, Ohio, after coaching his wife in bed with the mailman. He buys a bowling alley—which serves as the base for his law practice—and tries to win the most popular girl from his high-school class. The show is produced by David Letterman's company. "The best thing about it is the opportunity to do a show that is as well written," says Cavanagh, who is in his mid-30s.

One of five siblings, Cavanagh spent

several years as a teenager in Ghana, where his parents worked as educators. When they returned to Canada, they settled in Quebec's Eastern Townships, where Cavanagh studied in a French-immersion program and later attended a French high school. After graduating from Queen's University in Kingston, Ont., he did stage and TV work, and landed in New York for a lead in the Broadway musical *Shrek*. He also worked in Vancouver, appearing in films and television shows such as *John and the Kid*. He returned to the United States more than three years ago for pilot season and immediately landed the lead role in a new Fox television show. The show never made it to air, but, Cavanagh says, "getting a role like that right off the bat allowed me to do a bunch of other things in quick succession, which was great."

Dogs have been a running theme in some of Cavanagh's roles. In the NBC drama *Providence*, he played "dog boy," a Newfoundland who thought he was a canine creature. He is likely best remembered in Canada for a memorable series of Lubrizol commercials he appeared in



Cavanagh dog follows him around

with a dog in the mid-'90s. As for *Ed*, Cavanagh notes that his character does not have a dog—"5, yes." One of the NBC promos for *Ed* is an over-the-top ode to Mel Gibson's wildly popular "I am Canadian" commercial. Of that, Cavanagh says, "It kinda felt nice to have one of the ads inspired by a piece of Canadiana." Especially when he has come to make a glass to his own good fortune.

## A Canadian writer—for real

Toronto author Joy Fielding confesses that she used to be bothered by what she calls "the Canadian writer angle"—meaning she was never considered one by critics because her novels were set in the United States. But after almost 30 years

of writing and 12 mostly best-selling novels of romance and suspense, the snub no longer stings. "The rootless American urban," she believes, "actually works very well for my writing," and for her list and bewitched characters. Nor does the foreign setting stop her from returning to Cana-

da as a resident. One of the major characters in her newest novel, *The First Time*, a 60-year-old married wife who thows

her husband to the back, is based on Dorothy Boudale of Calgary, who did the same to her husband, Earl, in 1995.

Now, Fielding, 55, has become interested in a deeper cultural divide. "Even good male writers have no idea how women

think," she says. "Their female characters are never as real as those of women writers." To see how the shoe fits, Fielding for the first time adopted a male voice for part of the narrative in her newly named new book. "I drew from my husband. Women—a corporate lawyer—and some friends," says Fielding. "I don't know if it helped or understand men—but like all my books, it helped me understand myself."



Fielding likes to slip in spy references to *Canadiana*

## Entertainment Notes

## Another Kennedy romance?

Jackie Kennedy had an affair with her brother-in-law Bobby after John F. Kennedy's assassination. At least, that is one of several startling revelations in *American Queens*, a recently released biography of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis by English author Sarah Bradford. A thorough and sympathetic account of Onassis' life and loves—including her 1968 second marriage to Greek tycoon Aristotle Onassis—the book maintains that she and Robert Kennedy became romantically involved within a year after her president husband was fatally shot on Nov. 22, 1963. Bradford, the respected biographer of Benjamin Disraeli, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II, writes that the two remained in contact almost right up to Bobby's own shooting on June 5, 1968. Bradford even says that Jackie was the one who turned off the life-



Bobby and Jackie in 1964: the author names an uncor-

ruption machine the following day. The author interviewed many of her subject's intimates, including Joan Kennedy, former wife of Senator Edward Kennedy, and Jackie's sister, Lee Radziwill. But she does not name sources for her allegation of a Jackie-Bobby love affair—a romance the Kennedy family officially denies.

## Oscar winners in search of a film

America's moral guardians, those new minorities saving the world from Hollywood savagery, finally have the picture they've been praying for. *Pay It Forward* is a movie that thinks it's a movement, a self-contained recovery program. Featuring an Oscar-pedigree cast—Kevin Spacey, Helen Hunt and

"pays it forward" by helping three other people on the same terms. In Trever's words: "It's like, your big chance to fix something that's not your fault."

Cute. But everyone, aside from Trever's deadbeat dad (Jon Bon Jovi), is just too damn nice. Not off the success of *American Beauty*, Spacey seems determined to atone for a career of playing twisted cynics. It's not enough for his emotionally repressed teacher to get the girl (Trever's mother, played by Hunt), he has to do it with a deforming, a *Men Without Women* companion of burn-scared skin. Hunt's single mom, meanwhile, is an alcoholic with a heart of gold who serves drinks in a strip club and makes change in a casino. After parting up with an obsessive-compulsive Jack Nicholson in *As Good as It Gets*, Hunt is becoming the warmest dream date for damaged men.

With a quavering sound track derivative of the score from *American Beauty*, *Pay It Forward* flaps around like some spiritual IPO: American lather. What for the video and play it forward—*face forward*.

Brian D. Johnson



To Prince Edward Island: good natured

## An intimate look

Celebrated artist Alex Colville credits his humble background for his artistic career. "When, at 17, he turned down a scholarship at Dalhousie University to pursue fine arts, his steelworker father and milliner mother gave him their unqualified support. "If they'd been more wealthy, he might've said, 'An artist for chrissake! Do something that makes money!' or else, 'Dad, you'll become a drug addict and live with a whore!' But they thought it was wonderful." The Wolfville, N.S.-based artist, who turned 80 on Aug. 24, centers screen to gentle and good-natured, in a TV audience will have a chance to see on Oct. 31, when *Studio: The Life and Times of Alex Colville* airs on the CBC. Also featuring his wife and more of 58 years, Rhoda, the documentary is an intimate look at the artist, whose ironic made self-portraits, *Studio*, gives the program its title.

# RESP

## Registering success for the future

Postsecondary school education is still a bargain in Canada.

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A summer job might cover a good part of your child's expenses. And some students will earn scholarships. But if you are the typical family, the majority of funds will have to come

from savings, student loans or your pocket. The good news is that you can save towards education expenses on a tax-free basis and get a Canada Education Savings Grant from the federal government of up to \$400 a year per child—provided you save using a registered education savings plan or RESP.



Spacey and Hunt: too darn nice

Haley Joel Osment—It's the tale of a Las Vegas schoolboy named Trevor (Osment) who conceals a kind of Good Samaritan protest scheme. When a new teacher (Spacey) asks his class for ideas to change the world, Trevor comes up with a kind of chain-letter charity: do someone a big favor, and then person, instead of paying it back,



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You can't carry forward unused contributions so it makes sense to start contributing to a plan as early as possible. A child can be the beneficiary of more than one plan, however, if more than

one person makes contributions to plans with the same beneficiary, they should co-ordinate their efforts to avoid over-contributing. If you or another subscriber make contributions which total more than \$4,000 in any calendar year, a one-per-cent a month penalty on the excess amount applies as long as it remains in an RESP. But, even when the excess is withdrawn, it counts towards a beneficiary's lifetime limit.

The plan can generally hold the same types of investments as registered retirement savings plans with one important difference: there is no limit on how much foreign property you can hold in a RESP.

The amount you will accumulate in a RESP depends on your annual contributions, the age of the child when you start the plan and the rate of return you earn on the plan.

Assume that you start a plan when a child is born and contribute to \$400 a year for 18 years. The plan will receive an additional \$400 a year in Canada Education Savings Grants. If you can earn eight per cent on average, each year the plan will accumulate about \$69,000. If you earn six per cent, the plan will accumulate about \$60,000. If you start an RESP when the child turns 10, you will have a much shorter time to contribute. Under this reduced time, the plan will accumulate about \$46,900 earning eight per cent, \$44,400 earning six per cent or \$41,400 earning five per cent by the time the child turns 18.

### Free money

Canada Education Savings Grants are paid directly into RESPs by the federal government. The amount paid is 20 per

cent of the first \$2,000 of contributions, or up to \$400 a year to a maximum of \$2,000. Grants are paid quarterly.

If you don't make a contribution to your RESP in any given year, the unused grant will be carried forward. However, no more than \$800 per beneficiary will be paid in any single year. Only beneficiaries younger than 18 are eligible for the grant.

RESPs are supposed to be long-term investment programs with special rules to discourage people from opening them simply to get the grants for a couple of years. Grants will be paid to RESPs with beneficiaries aged 16 or 17 only if a minimum of \$4,000 in contributions was made before the year in which the beneficiary turned 16. Alternatively, a minimum of \$500 or more must have been contributed in each of the four years before the beneficiary turns 16.

Don't make a contribution to a plan with the intention of pulling out the capital immediately after the grant is paid. If you do this, no grant will be paid in the remainder of that year or in the subsequent two years. The exception would be if the beneficiary was enrolled in a postsecondary educational institution.



### Types of plans

Setting up an RESP is easy. Banks, financial planners, investment dealers and trust companies can provide you with a variety of different plans.

Your first decision is whether to choose an individual plan, a family plan or become a member of a group plan. Most parents opt for family plans, which allow for more than one beneficiary. The major benefit of a family plan is that if one of your children does not continue with his or her education, the income can be allocated to the other beneficiaries. But, contributions can only be made for beneficiaries under 21 years of age.

There is no such age restriction with individual plans, which can make them advantageous for students who may want to defer their education or for adults saving to go back to school. But replacing a beneficiary in an individual plan

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can be more complicated than a family plan.

Group plans are generally offered by foundations. With these, funds contributed by parents and others are pooled according to the child's age. If you join one of these and your child does not continue with his or her education, you get back your contributions but not the income earned. It is distributed to the children in the same age group who continue with their education.

You can't keep money in an RESP indefinitely: you can only contribute for 35 years and a plan must be terminated no more than 25 years after the year you established it.

**Match RESP investments to your child's age**

There is a wide variety of investment alternatives for RESP contributors. Your choices should suit your child's age and your willingness and ability to accept risk.

"Typically, mutual funds are most commonly used for monthly plans," says Heather Sengger, president of Sengger Financial Planning Inc. of Ottawa. "It depends on the parents and their comfort with risk. Most are willing to take some risk because of the 18-year time horizon" she adds.

She advises that parents of older children be more conservative because of the shorter amount of time left to invest. "If you have less than five years, go for something guaranteed," Sengger says.

Larry Short, vice-president of BDC Dominions Securities Inc. in St. John's, Nfld., says it is important for the family to construct a budget so they will know when funds will be needed. At some point, as the child gets older, they should start moving funds from growth into less volatile investments. Short adds, "But your mix would be different for a child who intends to get a PhD and stay in school for the next 10 years compared with a child planning to get a BA." The first student would likely benefit if a portion of assets was kept in growth investments because of the relatively long time frame. The second student, who requires his or her funds now or just a few years, should have a more conservative mix.

Subscribers who decide to invest for growth should be aware that some mutual funds may prove too volatile for some people. Specialty funds such as natural resources and science and technology tend to be much more volatile than funds that invest in a broad range of industries. Similarly, regional funds that invest in specific geographic areas are

usually more volatile than funds that concentrate on Canada or the United States.

**In-trust accounts**

While investing in an RESP should be your first choice because of the Canada Education Savings Grant, there are some cases where a formal trust or an in-trust investment account should be considered.

"If you set up a trust or in-trust account, you have more flexibility," says Anne Chan, a financial planner with Pargibled Inc. of Toronto and a professor with the faculty of business at Seneca College.

Chan says trusts and in-trust accounts have certain tax benefits. Any capital gains earned are taxable in the hands of the beneficiary rather than in the hands of the person who provided the capital to the trust or in-trust account. Compound interest — income earned on income — would also be taxable in the beneficiary's hands.

"There is no annual limit as to how much you can contribute, an important consideration for a grantparent. Also there is no restriction as to how the money must be spent," Chan says.

The formal trust can be expensive to set up and administer, says Chan. "Just the client gets better protection from a tax perspective" because of the documentation. Also, the trust can be established so that the trustee has some flexibility when income and capital will be distributed.

An informal trust or in-trust account is easier to establish. But it must be irrevocable; otherwise all

income would be taxed back to the person who provided the funds. The major disadvantage of an informal trust is that the beneficiary obtains control at age 18.

"Look at your own situation, weigh your options," says Chan.

She advises that whoever selects the investments "look for tax-efficient funds." These are mutual funds whose managers buy and hold rather than trade. Consequently, they have fewer taxable distributions.

**How payments are made**

The plan administrator pays out income and Canada Education Savings Grants to a RESP beneficiary once he or she is attending a postsecondary educational institution.



generally on a full-time basis, and provides proof of enrolment. Payment at the first 12 weeks of the program is limited to \$5,000, although this limit can be waived in cases where the student needs additional funds because of above-average tuition costs. Subsequent payments may be any amount provided the beneficiary continues to qualify for the assistance.

The plan subscriber can take his or her contributions back tax free or give them to the beneficiary with no tax consequences.

Not every child continues with his or her education. And Ottawa has very specific rules regarding the treatment of the unused income. It can revert to the subscriber provided he or she is a Canadian resident and the RESP has been in existence for 10 years; each plan beneficiary has died or reached age 21 and is ineligible to receive educational assistance payments. Payments made under these conditions are called accumulated income payments (AIP) and are subject to two different taxes.



You will pay tax on it at your marginal rate; you won't get a break even if the income was all capital gains and dividends. On top of that, you will pay an additional tax of 20 per cent unless you are a Quebec resident for whom the tax is 12 per cent.

However, the amount subject to tax can be reduced provided the subscriber has unused RESP room. If this is the case, then he or she can contribute up to \$50,000 of AIP to his or her RESP. The money must be contributed in the year received or in the first 60 days of the subsequent year. The RESP deduction, however, must be claimed in the year in which the payments are made. The deduction reduces the amount of AIP subject to tax. This in turn reduces the amount of additional tax payable.

And, if the beneficiary does not continue their education, parents and especially grandparents setting up RESPs should realize that they won't be able to avoid these taxes if the AIPs are made after Dec. 31 of the year in which they or a younger spouse turn 65. ■

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### They haunt us still

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  2. THE UNDER OFFICIAL (Piper Books) 2
  3. UNICORNS: A Novel (Piper Books) 3
  4. NICKY LAMONT: THE CANADIAN (Dundurn Group) 3
  5. THE ROAD AND THE COUNTRY (McClelland) 3
  6. BEYOND BEYOND (Lyle Books) 3
  7. MARY WEIRD (Piper Books) 3
  8. COUNTRY OF COUNTRY (McClelland) 4
  9. QUARTERS (McClelland) 4
  10. THE HOUSE OF THE DEAD (McClelland) 4
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  2. THE GOOD MAN (McClelland) 4
  3. THE HEART OF THE MATTER (McClelland) 4
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## The land's last real Tory

They came like moths to a flame, 470 isolators from all parts of the country, to feast and laugh and love in a gym in a community college in downtown Woodstock, N.B., all in honour of Dalton Kingsley Camp, the man with a new heart.

This was the same night that the corporate toffs in Toronto paid \$25,000 a table to juice the coffers of Stoddard Day, supposedly from a backdoorable patch of Alberta, but now eager to milk the wallets of the Bay Street crowd who likes his pitch to tilt the tax situation in their direction.

In Woodstock, on the surprisingly mighty Saint John River north of Meductic and Nackawic but south of Pisuar Rock, they sat on plastic chairs on the gym floor at 50 bucks a pop to eat good chicken smothered in gravy—choir of Canadian life in places where the evening meal is still called supper.

Dalton, the Typhoid Mary of the Conservative party, is celebrating his 80th birthday, which is why the local speakers stretched all the way to the as-host bar. Reason he has his 80—still finer style: writing in Canadian journalism—is that now heart, which no one really wants to talk about.

Seven years ago, within days of death, barely able to walk out of his room at the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa, he happened to be at the right place at the right time when a heart transplant became possible—due to the unfortunate death of a young woman in Ottawa.

If one person is dead, Canada who admires the English language still have the joy of his syndicated column whence—his close friend former senator Finlay MacDonald contends—is a "the only leftie still left writing in Canadian newspapers."

Physical health, as it happens, has been at the spring and autumn of his life. As one speaker informed the multitude of something they did not know, the reason Camp talks so well, and writes so well, is because of an athletic accident. Although born here in Woodstock—sister of the mayor—he was raised in California where father was transferred to another church.

Because of long hours at outdoor basketball in shoes that were too small, he developed severe foot problems that put him in bed for nearly a year. Father, taking advantage of a captive mind, brought him six books a week—the classics of literature. Each week he would return with six more, first giving son a quiz to make sure he had absorbed the previous six.



It was a magnificent opportunity to shape a young mind. "And so," said the speaker, "Dalton Camp is the only person I have ever met whose brain was formed through his feet."

The speakers piled on the tributes, as did those from afar. Brian Mulroney sent his condolences. Dingo, Joe Clark. Frank Marzolewski, former press secretary to Bobby Kennedy, recalled when he and Dalton spent most of their afternoons while at the Columbus University graduate school of journalism sitting in Yankee Stadium, discussing the infidel-fly rule—in the afternoon sunshine, before TV raised it all.

The incredibly cynical J. Chabers, calling an election that no one wants but himself, sends a self-serving message: "As

you reach the age at which Gladstone became prime minister of Great Britain for the last time [he was 83] Alton and I wish you—blah, blah, blah—"many more happy and productive years."

Nervous young premier, Bernard Lord, spoke of course, his main feature being he has now adopted the wardrobe of Regis Philbin. One woman, something or other who lives in Boston by way of Montreal and Vancouver, revealed in her speech she and Dalton discussed marriage last week, undoubtedly in a good bar. He allowed, some voice in his acceptance speech, that his lawyers were thinking about it.

This was all about the cause of raising money for Camp's long commitment to literacy, proceeds going to The Dalton Camp Canadian Centre at the L. P. Fisher Library in Woodstock. The 470 isolators, while essentially caring about good works, are really here to see the home-town boy—the guy who overthrew Dief—on his home turf.

They loved it when he told of first being caught smoking in the local hay barn and then acquiring a criminal record by stealing the beer bottles he turned in for two cents apiece. Everybody loves a home-town boy named Big Time Bad Guy.

Everyone in Alberta and Saskatchewan apes when you mention his name, the guy who damped Dief. Adlai Stevenson, criticized by a woman who said his speech would get the vote of "every drinking person," replied, "But that's not enough, madam, we need a majority."

Camp is the same, the evasive political mind who never won prime minister. When the waitress offered wine of red or white, Camp said, "Blue!" The last real Tory in the land.

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